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**1. Warren County highlights the value of Roadside Stop II**

This spring, the Warren County Probation Department received alerts about two probationers as part of the Roadside Stop II program. While neither individual was arrested, the circumstances of their police contact were forwarded to probation officers, who might not have realized they had a brush with the law. As a result, these probation officers were able to address their concerns with the probationers and hold them accountable for their actions. These incidents further demonstrate the importance of Roadside Stop II.

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2. Onondaga County finds Success with the Residential Stabilization Center Model

For the Onondaga County Probation Department, the Residential Stabilization Center has proven an important option in addressing offender behavior beyond community-based options. The department referred six probationers –five men and one woman –to Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities of the Capital District over the past three years. Two individuals successfully completed the program, while another pair continue to be assisted. Both of the individuals completing the program are now employed full-time and in treatment for substance dependence. This highlights the importance of residential stabilization programs for transitioning a probationer into a stable life away from incarceration.

3. Field visits to the Erie County and Niagara County probation departments

Robert Maccarone, the deputy commissioner of the state Division of Criminal Justice and director of Probation, joined Executive Deputy Director John Adams during a visit to the probation departments in Erie and Niagara counties. Among the topics addressed were the 2015-2016 Annual Plans, the supervision rule, real-time video reporting technology, and the upcoming Caseload Explorer changes. Also discussed was the positive impact probation work has on public safety through such efforts as DNA collection and use of evidence-based practices. They also visited a *Ready, Set, Work!* class being conducted at the Erie County Probation Department and addressed participants.

4. Niagara County Probation Department director receives leadership award

Niagara County Probation Department Director John J. Cicchetti received the 2015 Sara Tullar Fasoldt Leadership and Humanitarian Award for his outstanding leadership and significant contributions to the field of community corrections.

Under Cicchetti's leadership, the department implemented a variety of effective supervision strategies, including Alternatives to Incarceration, and other programs and services, including the Juvenile-Risk Intervention Services Coordination Program, Pre-Trial Release, and Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities, Offender Workforce Development, Alternatives to Jail Detention, and the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative. The director also provided the impetus for the state Probation Officers Association and the Council of Probation Administrators to convene their statewide conferences in Niagara County last summer.



At right, DCJS Deputy Commissioner and State Probation Director Robert Maccarone stands beside Cicchetti with the award during a ceremony at the Niagara County Probation Department in Niagara Falls.

5. OPCA recognizes Jackie Borne

The state Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives' Interstate Compact Unit in May recognized Jackie Borne, an agency program aide, for her longstanding work and dedication to the missions of both DCJS and the unit. She has worked with the unit since 2007. DCJS Deputy Commissioner and State Director Robert Maccarone and DCJS Deputy Commissioner of Human Resources Karen Davis were on hand for her recognition and offered thanks for her continued service.

6. OPCA conducts Justice & Mental Health Collaboration Program webinar

In June, OPCA, under a grant joint grant from DCJS and the state Office of Mental Health's Justice & Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) grant, conducted a webinar on Health Homes with the state Department of Health. The change in accomplishing care coordination under Medicaid design was the impetus for the webinar. The webinar offered a brief overview of the origins of Health Homes and the New York State Initiative for Medicaid Redesign. It also presented the status of Health Homes and information on how Monroe and Schenectady counties are piloting strategies for it to work within their respective criminal justice systems. The webinar will be posted at <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/opca/justice-mental-health.htm> for viewing. Please contact Bernard Wilson at Bernard.Wilson@dcjs.ny.gov for more information on the program.

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## 7. University of Cincinnati provides action planning training

The university provided training to 14 DCJS employees from four different offices in June. This training is part of DCJS's initiative to strengthen the state's investment and further improve program outcomes by implementing a fidelity system that will monitor the quality of service delivery. Part of this initiative will include technical assistance and coaching to grantees at their request or as a result of a need identified during a fidelity review. Some of the programs subject to this assessment and action planning are funded through the 2013 RFP, RFA, Residential Stabilization Centers, and NYC 13-A. Please contact Nicole Aldi at [Nicole.Aldi@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Nicole.Aldi@dcjs.ny.gov) for more information.

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8. OPCA Trainings

All probation officers are required to complete a minimum of 21 hours annually of continuing probation education credit in advanced probation practice (no more than 10 hours in firearms recertification training), which conform to guidelines as issued by the director of Probation and Correctional Alternatives. This training is designed to broaden and enhance the officer's professional skills by introducing new techniques in resolving problems and managing changes encountered in the officer's daily practice. In 2014, 45 of 58 departments reported achieving 100 percent compliance with this requirement –an improvement from 2013. OPCA works with Probation directors and staff development officers, who are charged with managing compliance with this requirement and to provide as many probation-relevant no-cost or low-cost training opportunities as possible throughout the year. These opportunities include live meetings, webinars, on-line training, department specific training, regional training, and statewide training. For training questions, please contact Patti Donohue at Patricia.Donohue@DCJS.ny.gov.

OPCA is pleased to report a large number of professionals attended the following trainings:

- OPCA Graduates 9th NIC OWDS Class- On June 19, the DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, in collaboration with the NYS Department of Labor and County Probation Departments, celebrated the completion of the ninth class of Offender Workforce Development Specialists from its in-state partnership with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). This year's class included staff from county probation departments, alternative-to-incarceration programs, and county re-entry taskforces. With the addition of the 27 professionals successfully completing the 180-hour training, 212 OWDS were trained through the DCJS OPCA partnership with NIC. Along with the two OPCA sponsored teams that attended NIC's national training, 229 OWD Specialists have now completed the program. For more information on OWDS training, contact Cynthia Blair at Cynthia.Blair@dcjs.ny.gov or (518) 485-5145.

- Thinking For a Change (T4C) Training: To meet ongoing need in the probation, ATI, and reentry communities, OPCA has commenced a series of T4C trainings in 2015. The first session was conducted in Albany from June 15 to 18 with 12 new facilitator graduates. The next session is scheduled in Monroe County from Aug. 4 to Aug. 7, with a third session slated for the fall in New York City at a date and site to be determined. Also, OPCA will host the first area T4C for Trainers from Aug. 18 to Sept. 23.

Upcoming Training

- On July 8, a forum will be conducted regarding **Residential Stabilization Centers (RSC)** at the Alfred E. Smith Building, 80 South Swan Street, Room 148, in Albany. This forum will provide the opportunity to review the RSC program model effectiveness, discuss the CPC and the tools to assure effective programs, and how the RSC model can serve as a valuable resource to probation and ATI programs in New York State. Please contact Nicole Aldi at Nicole.Aldi@dcjs.ny.gov for more information.
- On July 10, the **Sixth Annual Ignition Interlock Device Qualified Manufacturers' Conference** will be hosted at the Alfred E. Smith Building, 80 South Swan Street, Room 348, in Albany. Please contact Shaina Kern at Shaina.Kern@dcjs.ny.gov for more information.

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**9. State Director’s Memoranda**

**SDM 2015-3 Probation Adjustment of Fingerprinted Juvenile Delinquents -Required Notification to DCJS** Issued June 4, 2015

**SDM 2015-4 “Leandra’s Law”—Ignition Interlock Device (IID) -Monitoring of DWI-Related Offenders Released from DOCCS** Issued, June 11, 2015

All state director’s memoranda are available online via the IJ Portal. To access them, log on to the IJ Portal, and click on resources, reference library, probation and director’s memoranda.

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10. Practice Tip – A probation department must certify to DCJS whenever it adjusts a case in which a juvenile delinquent’s fingerprints are taken pursuant to FCA section 306.1 in any manner other than the filing of a petition for juvenile delinquency for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a felony.

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**11. Quick Fact -** Of the 3,917 registered sex offenders under probation supervision whose addresses were confirmed during the first quarter of 2015, probation departments confirmed through positive home contact the address of 3,600 or 91.9 percent. Change of address –48 Hour forms –were filed on 43 or 1.1 percent of cases. Warrants already existed, were issued or requested on 220 or 5.6 percent of cases.

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