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**1. Onondaga County pilots Court access to the DCJS PSI Repository**

Earlier this year, the Onondaga County Probation Department received a request from Syracuse City Court Judge James H. Cecile to receive the Court’s Pre-Sentence Investigations (PSIs) electronically. The Onondaga County Probation Department has been submitting their PSIs from Caseload Explorer to DCJS’s PSI Repository, which was an important step to accommodate the judge’s request. DCJS then collaborated with the New York State Office of Court Administration, providing access to the repository through the signing of an MOU between the two agencies. Probation Commissioner Andrew Sicherman advised OPCA in May that the pilot in Judge Cecile’s court had been successful and they are planning to expand access to the repository to all judges within the City Court system.

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2. OPCA works with the Urban Institute on Innovative Practices for Children of Incarcerated Parents

OPCA Training Coordinator Patricia Donohue is participating in a national webinar, hosted by the Urban Institute, from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3. She will discuss enhancements made to the Fundamentals of Probation Practice (FPP) Investigations and Reports Module, which were made following several months of work with a group of local probation professionals in New York State. The enhancements identify areas within the pre-sentence investigation (PSI) interview and report where a probation officer would include information on the potential impact of any probation or incarceration sentence on the offender’s children and family. Inclusion of the concept of family responsibility within the PSI was a shared project of

OPCA, the Council of Probation Administrators (COPA), specifically Warren County Probation Director Bob lusi, and the Osborne Association. Session 2 of the Webinar, *Family Impact Statements* (2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST) focuses on how probation departments can use family impact statements in their presentence investigation reports to account for the needs of family and children.

[REGISTER HERE](#) to attend the webinar.

3. TASC of the Capital District Founder Joanne Schlang Receives Sara Tullar Fasoldt Award

Joanne Schlang, the founder of TASC of the Capital District, recently received the 2015 Sara Tullar Fasoldt Leadership and Humanitarian Award for her extraordinary leadership and dedicated services to men and women involved in the criminal justice system in Albany and its surrounding counties.

She has led the field in providing effective services to individuals with substance use and/or co-occurring disorders that become involved in the criminal justice system.

At right, DCJS Deputy Commissioner and State Probation Director Robert M. Maccarone presented her with the award during a ceremony at the DCJS offices in Albany.



4. Enthusiastic Response to Drugged Driver Webinar

In March, Albany County Assistant District Attorney Mary Tanner-Richter, Jennifer Limoges, associate director of forensic science/toxicology of the New York State Police Forensic Investigation Center, and Allan Barger, a drug research analyst with Prime for Life presented a live meeting on the topic of Drugged Driving. The meeting focused on how drugged driving differs from alcohol impaired driving in the following ways: its impact on the driver, its impact on detection and arrest by law enforcement, its impact on prosecution, and its impact on supervision and treatment.

More than 290 people participated in the webinar, including probation officers, conditional discharge monitors and treatment providers.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed via the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal (IJ Portal): click on “Resources” -> “Reference Library”-> “Probation” -> “Training” to access it.

For more information about this webinar, Webinar, please contact OPCA Community Correction Representative Maureen McKeown Maureen.mckeown@dcjs.ny.gov or (518) 485-9941.

5. IID Quarterly Reporting Webinar

In February, Maureen McKeown and Shaina Kern of OPCA were joined by Michelle Cardinale from the DCJS Finance Office and Adam Lenhardt from the agency’s Office of Program Development and Funding to present a live meeting on the topic of Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Quarterly Reporting requirements. T

The meeting provided an overview of the new quarterly reporting tasks, as well as the quarterly reporting process as a whole. Common problems in reporting were reviewed, in addition to specific questions monitors had regarding the process.

More than 90 people attended the meeting, including probation officers, conditional discharge monitors and support staff. A recording of this meeting can be viewed via the IJ Portal: click on "Resources" -> "Reference Library"-> "Probation" -> "Training" to access it. For more information about this webinar, please contact Maureen McKeown at Maureen.mckeown@dcjs.ny.gov or (518) 485-9941.

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## 6. OPCA Trainings

During the first quarter of 2015, OPCA trained a total of 1,016 individuals from the probation and community corrections fields in several different topics, including OSST/Peace Officer/Fundamentals of Probation Practice, Executive Leadership, OWDS and a variety of webinars. It's great that so many professionals attended the following trainings:

- In April, 16 probation and community correction professionals completed the **National Institute of Correction's Offender Workforce Development Specialists (OWDS) Instructor Training** in Albany. NIC Master Trainer and OWDS Program Specialist Francina Carter taught the three-day, 21-hour training, which included Global Career Development Facilitator certification. Those who attended are now qualified to instruct the 180-hour OWDS training. Six county Probation staff, six ATI staff, two County Re-entry Task Force staff, one Department of Labor and one County One Stop staff, all successfully completed the training.
- OPCA held the Spring **OSST/Peace Officer/Fundamentals of Probation Practice class**, which was attended by 22 students from 13 counties across the state, in March. A good mix of instructors from DCJS and county probation departments taught the class. Special thanks to Mark Pisano, Valerie Naccarato and Willie Johnson from Ulster County Probation, Andrew Johnson from Schenectady County Probation, Michael Wright from Madison County Probation, Jennifer Legere from Albany County Probation, Kristine Maloney and Shane Wisner from Jefferson County Probation, Teresa Hansen from Rensselaer County Probation, Joseph Rinaldi from Westchester County Probation and Bill Schaefer from the DCJS Office of Program Development and Funding. Congratulations and best wishes for successful careers to all of our graduates! The fall class is scheduled for the weeks of Oct. 5, 19 and 26 in Albany.
- Also in March, DCJS hosted **Proven Practices in Criminal Justice training** for 131 community corrections program professionals. Conducted by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute, the training was designed to introduce community correction program directors and management staff to the research behind the delivery of effective correction interventions. Particular emphasis was placed on risk, need and responsibility principles. An overview of the Correctional Program Checklist (CPC), which is being used by DCJS to assess programs, also was provided. The training was held in New York City, Albany and Rochester.

## Upcoming Training

- DCJS, through its Justice-Mental Health Collaboration, will sponsor webinar this month on **Health Homes and their importance to persons with serious behavioral health disorders involved in the criminal justice system**. The webinar, which will be held from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, June 22, will offer a brief overview of the origins of the Health Homes through the federal Affordable Care Act

and the New York State Initiative for Medicaid Redesign; the current status of Health Homes; and information on where and how Health Homes are piloting strategies to work with county criminal justice systems to develop lessons to be learned and applied by others. Please contact Bernard Wilson at [Bernard.Wilson@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Bernard.Wilson@dcjs.ny.gov) for more information.

- On Friday, July 10, the **Sixth Annual Ignition Interlock Device Qualified Manufacturers' Conference** will be held at the Alfred E. Smith Building, 80 South Swan Street, Room 348, in Albany. Please contact Shaina Kern at [Shaina.Kern@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Shaina.Kern@dcjs.ny.gov) for more information.

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7. New York State Probation Officer's Association (NYSPOA) Conference Scholarships and Awards

OPCA supports the annual New York State Probation Officer's Association conference by providing conference scholarships and two awards: the NYSPOA State Director's Award for Outstanding Service by a Probation Officer and NYSPOA State Director's Award for Outstanding Collaboration between Probation and Social Services.

This year's conference is scheduled for Aug. 5 through 7 at the Genesee Grande Hotel, 1060 East Genesee St. Syracuse. More information about the 2015 awards and nomination forms are available via the IJ Portal: click on "Resources" -> "Reference Library"-> "Probation" to access them.

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## 8. State Director's Memoranda

No State Director's Memoranda have been distributed since the last issue of eFocus.

As a reminder, all State Director's Memoranda are available via the IJ Portal: click on Resources, Reference Library, Probation and Director's Memoranda to access them.

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9. Practice Tips

- When submitting an Offender Violation Report (OVR) on an interstate transfer case in ICOTS, please remember that it must be submitted within 30 days of the discovery of the violation.
- Court-ordered Family Court ACOD with supervision cases should be entered in Caseload Explorer as Pre-Dispositional Supervision (PDS) cases and not Probation Supervision (FCS) cases. A disposition event would be created on the Family Case Folder (FCF) with a disposition of ACOD. These cases should be reported on the DP30 report as pre-dispositional matters as well.

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## 10. Quick Fact:

Currently, New York State probation officers are supervising 3,928 interstate offenders who were sentenced to probation in states outside New York but live here.

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