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1. Regional Judicial DWI Trainings

At the invitation of the New York State Office of Court Administration, DCJS Deputy Commissioner and Probation Director Robert M. Maccarone, Community Corrections Representative 3 Gary Govel and Community Corrections Representative 2 Maureen McKeown gave a presentation titled "Leandra's Law – Five Years Following Implementation" at the DWI Judicial Seminars that occurred in Buffalo, Saratoga Springs and Queens in September. Providing information to the judiciary and court staff about New York's Ignition Interlock Device (IID) program, which operates under Title 9 NYCRR Part 358, helps the state maintain a strong IID program, and consequently results in improvements in traffic safety. More than 200 participants attended the three presentations. These were the top five recommendations shared with the judiciary and court staff:

- Provide prompt notification – within five days – to Probation Departments and other entities monitoring court-ordered installation of IIDs.
- Ensure individuals comply with the provisions of Chapter 169 of the Laws of 2013 and assert under oath that they do not own, and will not operate, any motor vehicle during the period of the ignition interlock requirement.
- Require individuals to complete the OPCA-IID500 Form-Report to the Court for “unaffordability” considerations.

- Reconvene the IID County Plan Committee or sub-committee regularly to review semi-annual IID installation and failed test reports for their jurisdictions.
- Recommendation to Order the IID term to run concurrent with the period of probation supervision or conditional discharge, and reduce the time thereafter, based upon the operator's compliance with court-ordered conditions.

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## **2. 2015 Metro-New York, Capital District and Western New York Re-entry Job Summits**

Program assessment data collected for the past three years finds that more than 80 percent of County Re-Entry Task Force participants are unemployed, yet most are employable. With cognitive behavioral intervention focus of the 2015-16 program period, employment outcomes are anticipated to increase.

In order to facilitate such outcomes, DCJS hosted three regional Re-entry Job Summits in New York City, Albany and Buffalo. Anchoring each summit were presentations on regional economic development efforts and workforce development needs, both of which provided insight into the type of living wage jobs that need to be filled and the opportunities that exist for those released from prison.

The summits brought together leaders from 16 re-entry task forces, parole bureau chiefs and managers, correctional facility managers and staff, employment service providers and workforce development professionals to exchange information about re-entry employment policy issues, labor market analyses and the challenges facing task forces and parole officers when trying to find employment for former inmates.

Each summit concluded with dynamic testimonials from those who were formerly incarcerated and how they were able to change their thinking, behavior and attitudes. Plans are underway to conduct a fourth Re-entry Job Summit in central New York.

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3. Promoting Family Responsibility of Criminal Justice Involved Parents Receiving Probation Services-webinar on October 13, 2015

Across the country, nearly three million children under the age of 18 have a parent in jail or prison, and millions more have experienced their parents being arrested. In NYS about 105,000 children currently have an incarcerated parent. Research indicates that a parent's criminal justice involvement places children at risk for experiencing trauma, family disruption, and the loss of their primary caregiver, which can lead to financial hardship, residential instability, and an array of emotional and behavioral problems. Acknowledgment of a criminal justice involved parent's family responsibility during arrest, probation, incarceration, and/or parole holds a parent accountable and ensures their children's needs are considered throughout the criminal justice continuum. Criminal justice agencies across the country have implemented programs and practices aimed at reducing this trauma and mitigating the potentially harmful outcomes to children associated with parental criminal justice involvement. On June 3, 2015 the Urban Institute conducted a 4.5 hour webinar addressing arrest protocols, family responsibility statements, family focused jail services, and successful collaboration around criminal justice involved parents. The DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA) participated in this webinar, speaking specifically about the importance of including family responsibilities when discussing defendant accountability in pre-sentence investigation and other reports submitted to the court. Family Responsibility is now included in OPCA's Fundamentals of Probation Practice (FPP) curriculum.

Subsequently, on October 13, 2015 OPCA, in collaboration with the Osborne Association and the NYS Council of Probation Administrators presented a 1.5 hour webinar on current research, programs, and practices across the country and in NYS around the issue of minimizing the collateral consequences on children of a parent's criminal justice involvement. Webinar presenters included OPCA staff, Robert Lusi/Director of Warren County Probation, and Allison Hollihan, Program Manager from the Osborne Association's New York Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents. This webinar is part of the NY Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents' **See Us, Support Us** campaign, a month of awareness-raising activities to provide agencies with resources to better support children of incarcerated parents. Visit Osborneny.org for more information on the **See Us, Support Us** campaign.

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#### 4. Field Visit to the Cayuga County Probation Department

In October, Deputy Commissioner Maccarone visited the Cayuga County Probation Department in support of new Probation Director Jay De Wispelaere. Among the topics discussed were the 2015-2016 Annual Plan, the supervision rule, real-time video reporting technology, and Caseload Explorer. He also discussed with probation officials the positive impact probation work has on public safety through such efforts as DNA collection and use of evidence-based practices.

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5. Naloxone Training and Probation Officer Response

Since April 2014, DCJS has worked collaboratively with national, state, and local agencies – including the Department of Health, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Albany Medical Center, the National Harm Reduction Coalition, and the Foundation for AIDS Research – to offer training that teaches law enforcement to administer naloxone, a drug that can reverse heroin and opioid overdoses.

Of the thousands of law enforcement officers trained, 225 are probation staff from 22 counties. In March, two probation officer trainees from the Suffolk County Probation Department put this training to work: Aaron Ferretti and Britney Grasman stopped for lunch after conducting home contacts. When they left the restaurant, they noticed three individuals near the building, one of whom looked ill. As Ferretti and Grasman approached the three, the individual was being placed on the ground, was foaming at the mouth, gasping for air and cyanotic with a weak pulse. Ferretti administered naloxone to the individual, who was monitored until law enforcement and emergency personnel arrived. This event resulted in Grasman and Ferretti receiving the New York State Probation Officers' Association Award of Honor at the association's 2015 annual conference.

DCJS and New York State offer several resources to assist probation departments with implementing the use of naloxone, commercially known as Narcan: an Administration and Maintenance of Intranasal Naloxone Model Policy; a Trainer's Guide; and a website www.health.ny.gov/overdose. Additionally, the Suffolk County Probation Department has shared their department policy on this topic with OPCA. For additional information, please contact Patricia.Donohue@DCJS.ny.gov.

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#### 6. Women in Criminal Justice Publications

In August, the National Institute of Corrections released a study authored by Tim Brennan PhD. of Northpointe, Inc. titled "A Women's Typology of Pathways to Serious Crime with Custody and Treatment Implications." In this study, Dr. Brennan looked at the reasons a woman enters the criminal justice system and her various associated social and psychological factors. This resulted in four distinct types of "Criminal career pattern(s)"

and associated treatment goals for each. The study can be found here: [A Women's Typology of Pathways to Serious Crime](#)

In August, the VERA Institute of Justice also released an article on the current state of women in the drug treatment and criminal justice systems. While women have started increasingly using heroin, they have also been disproportionately been incarcerated for drug crimes, particularly women of color. In addition, treatment has been historically been focused on men and fails to account for women's issues, such as trauma or pregnancy, which results in poor success rates for women. The author, Chelsea Davis, makes a strong push for both gender-responsive drug treatment and drug policy reform. The article can be found here: [Gender and Justice in America: Women suffer when drug treatment focuses on men's needs](#)

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7. Community-Based Responses to Justice-Involved Young Adults

In September, the National Institute of Justice released a publication titled "Community-Based Responses to Justice-Involved Young Adults". The publication "proposes a new criminal justice paradigm for young men and women ages 18 to 24. Noting that the human brain has been clinically shown to not fully mature prior to the mid-20s, the authors suggest new institutional methods and processes for young adult justice that can meet the realities of life for today's disadvantaged youth involved in crime and the criminal justice system. The authors envision a system that extends the reach of the juvenile court to reflect a modern understanding of the transition into adulthood. Their primary recommendation is that the age of juvenile court jurisdiction be raised to 21, with additional, gradually diminishing protections for young adults up to age 24 or 25." The publication can be found on the NIJ website [Community-Based Responses to Justice-Involved Young Adults](#)

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## 8. Alex Truesdell Wins the 2015 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship

Alex Truesdell, founder and executive director of Adaptive Design Association, recently received a 2015 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship for her visionary social entrepreneurship work with children with disabilities. She is an adaptive designer and fabricator specializing in low-tech, affordable and customized tools and furniture that enable children with disabilities to participate actively in their homes, schools and communities. The MacArthur Fellowship is a \$625,000, no-strings-attached grant for individuals who have shown exceptional creativity in their work and the promise to do more. A short video about Alex and her work with Adaptive Design Association can be found here: [Adaptive Designer and Fabricator Alex Truesdell, 2015 MacArthur Fellow](#). OPCA has funded Adaptive Design Association for more than a decade; it provides internships to women with a criminal history to help develop their work histories and unique hands on skills.

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9. OPCA Training

Thinking for a Change Training

OPCA delivered the National Institute for Corrections' *Thinking for a Change* training for facilitators in Monroe County this summer, with 17 professionals from probation departments, alternatives to incarceration programs, and county re-entry task forces completing the four-day training. Presented by Nancy Andino and Nicole Aldi from OPCA and Christine Morsman from the Allegany County Probation Department, the training was the second for facilitators this year.

Another session was held in September. The 60-hour curriculum, Training for Trainers, was delivered in a blended model style and included 24 hours of web-based training, 24 hours of in-person training in Albany and 12 hours of homework. The Training for Trainers provided participants with the skills and tools needed to train facilitators using the institute's blended model.

OPCA is in the process of planning a third training in New York City in January 2016. Information regarding this training will be forthcoming.

Fundamentals of Probation Practice Albany, Erie and Westchester

- Erie County Probation Department hosted its Fundamentals of Probation Practice class from Sept. 21 through Oct. 19, training 12 students from four counties: Chautauqua, Niagara, Ontario and Erie.
- Westchester County Probation Department hosted its Fundamentals of Probation Practice class from Sept. 23 through Oct. 9, training five students from two counties: Westchester and Putnam.
- OPCA hosted its Fundamentals of Probation Practice class from Oct. 5 through Oct. 30 in Albany, training 31 students from 19 counties.

Trainings

Justice Mental Health Collaboration Program:

Emotionally Disturbed Persons Response Team (EDPRT) /Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Trainings

As part of the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, a county-specific EDPRT/CIT training occurred in Albany County in October and another has just commenced in Onondaga County. The response team training is synonymous with intervention team training and includes police, other first responders and probation officers who supervise probationers with serious mental illness from those counties. The training consists of de-escalation skills, information on mental illness and community treatment and peer resource presentations. Bernard Wilson at OPCA is the project manager for this program.

Live Meeting Presentation: Ignition Interlock Devices-Non-Installer Enforcement

Broome County Deputy Sheriff Kevin Griffiths, Lisa Lee and Jan Near of the DCJS Office of Public Safety and Gary Govel and Maureen McKeown of OPCA recently presented a live meeting on the topic of IID non-installer enforcement. The meeting covered how law enforcement officers determine a person has an IID requirement and what steps they can take to enforce Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1198.

The meeting also reinforced steps that monitors can and should take when discovering the people they monitor have been caught driving without an IID. More than 170 people attended the meeting, including probation officers and conditional discharge monitors. A recording of this meeting and all the handouts are posted to the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal (IJ Portal) and can be found by clicking "Resources" -> "Reference Library" -> "Probation" -> "Training". Please contact OPCA Community Correction Representative Maureen McKeown at Maureen.Mckeown@dcjs.ny.gov or (518) 485-9941 for more information.

Live Meeting Presentation: LOCADTR 3.0

Constance Burke and Patricia Lincourt of the state Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) recently partnered with Gary Govel and Maureen McKeown of OPCA to present a live meeting on the topic of LOCADTR 3.0. OASAS, in partnership with The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA Columbia), recently designed, built and tested a web-based tool designed to aid substance abuse treatment providers in determining the best level of care for a client with a substance use disorder. The webinar detailed why the tool, known as LOCADTR (Level of Care for Alcohol and Drug Treatment Referral) was needed, how it was developed and how it will impact probation officers, ATI program staff,

treatment providers, managed care and clients. More than 80 people from probation, ATI and treatment providers attended the meeting and attendees received Certified Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor continuing education credit.

A recording of this meeting and all the handouts are posted to the IJ Portal and can be found by clicking "Resources" -> "Reference Library"-> "Probation" -> "Training". Please contact OPCA Community Correction Representative Maureen McKeown at Maureen.Mckeown@dcjs.ny.gov or (518) 485-9941 for more information.

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**10. State Director's Memoranda**

**SDM #2015-7 issued Nov. 3, 2015:** *Quarterly IID Monitors Report Form Update*

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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11. Practice Tip: Justification for discretionary interstate transfer must detail how acceptance in the receiving state would support successful completion of supervision, rehabilitation of the offender, promote public safety and/or protect the rights of victims.

Caseload Explorer Tip: What is the difference between a Case Note Event and a Contact Event in Caseload Explorer (CE)? The Case Note is a place to provide a general note about the case itself. For example, a set of Order and Conditions arrive a month after sentencing for some reason. The probation supervisor could use the Case Note to document that supervision commenced later than expected due to the delay in receiving that information. The Contact event is used to document any contacts between probationers and/or any collateral contacts. If staff enter a probationer contact as a Case Note, that information will not populate any of the reports in CE as expected. To avoid any confusion, CE administrators can set permissions to restrict the creation of Case Notes to probation supervisors.

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**12. Quick Fact:** In a 2010 Dosage Study by Sperber, Latessa & Makarios, a large decrease in recidivism (81% to 57%) was seen when dosage levels were increased from 100 to 200 hours for high-risk offenders. The results were duplicated in a 2014 with an expanded sample.

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