



Welcome to eFocus, an electronic newsletter produced by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services--Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA). OPCA publishes this newsletter to further its goal of promoting public safety through probation services and other community corrections programs. We welcome your suggestions.

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1. OPCA convenes Caseload Explorer regional meetings

~ OPCA is pleased to announce that it is convening four regional Caseload Explorer (CE) meetings to discuss the case management system with probation practitioners. The schedule for the meetings is as follows: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29 in Monroe County; 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5 in Jefferson County; 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 6 in Cortland County; and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11 in Warren County. These meetings will provide practitioners an opportunity to exchange information on the CE application, discuss any concerns and explore new ideas for future enhancements. For more information, please refer to the recent memorandum distributed to all probation directors or contact Colleen Thorn at Colleen.Thorn@dcjs.ny.gov.

2. Real-Time Video Conferencing Pilot Program: The Future Is Now

~ OPCA is working with a number of pilot counties to implement real-time video reporting contact with probationers as provided in the new Probation Supervision Rule, 9 NYCRR Part 351, which took effect June 1, 2013. OPCA plans to provide guidance to probation departments during the coming months, following the implementation of this practice in those pilot probation departments. Real-time video conferencing has great potential in enhancing probation supervision and offender accountability, while supporting probationer employment and pro-social engagement in the community.

3. Probation Case Record Management rule advances to proposed rule making

~ DCJS has submitted a notice of proposed rulemaking to the Department of State for the Probation Case Record Management Rule, amending 9 NYCRR Part 348. The proposed amendments to the rule recognize the automation of probation practice and electronic records and advance professional practice while enhancing public and victim safety. The proposed rule also clarifies certain constraints in the law and establishes appropriate safeguards to guarantee more uniform application. The notice was published in the New York State Register on Aug.7, 2013, commencing a 45-day official public comment period. Please submit any comments by the close of business on Monday, Sept. 23, 2013, to DCJS Assistant Counsel Linda J. Valenti by mail at 80 South Swan St., 8th Floor, Albany, N.Y. 12210, e-mail at linda.valenti@dcjs.ny.gov or by telephone at (518) 457-8413.

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4. DCJS releases Request for Proposals for ATI and AT Jail Detention Programs

~ DCJS recently released a request for proposals announcing availability of approximately \$5 million in support of alternatives to incarceration and alternatives to jail detention programs that deliver targeted, effective interventions. Applications will be accepted from local governments and community-based alternatives to incarceration programs that have experience working with criminal justice. Programs should be targeted to communities with a demonstrated need for services and programs that receive funding will be expected to direct their services to offenders who pose a risk of continued criminal conduct and those who are likely to be detained or sentenced to incarceration. Additional information, including program goals and objectives, eligible applicants and program services, application requirements, and criteria for awards, are outlined in the RFP, which is posted to the DCJS website: <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/ofpa/newrfp.htm> Not-for-profit agencies must pre-qualify at www.GrantsReform.ny.gov in order to be eligible to apply. Deadline for applications is 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16.

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5. OPCA Trainings

~ OPCA is pleased to announce that there is still space available for individuals interested in attending the regional training session on the Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol (J-SOAP), which will occur in Clinton County in September. For more information, access the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal (IJ Portal): click on the Resources tab, select Reference Library and then click on the Probation link. Once there, click Training in the left menu and then click 2013 Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol-II (J-SOAP-II) Training Announcement. Two other training sessions, in Oneida and Broome counties, are all full. For more information, please contact Patty Clements at Patricia.Clements@dcjs.ny.gov or (518) 485-0905.

~ There are still openings for individuals interested in attending Cyber Crime training sessions, also scheduled for September. The training announcement is posted to the IJ Portal: click on the Resources tab, select Reference Library and then click on the Probation link. Once there, click Training in the left menu and then click 2013 Cyber Crime Investigations Training Announcement. For more information, please contact Patty Clements at Patricia.Clements@dcjs.ny.gov or (518) 485-0905.

~ The 2013 Fall Officer Safety and Survival Training (OSST)/Peace Officer/Fundamentals of Probation Practice trainings are scheduled for Monday through Friday, Oct. 7 through 11; Monday through Friday, Oct. 21-25, and Monday, Oct. 28 through Friday, Nov. 1. **Registration for these trainings must be received by OPCA by Friday, Sept. 6.** The course announcement and registration form is posted to the IJ Portal: click on the Resources tab, select Reference Library and then click on the Probation link. Once there,

click Training in the left menu and then click 2013 Fall FPP Announcement and 2013 Fall FPP Registration Form. For more information, please contact Patty Clements at Patricia.Clements@dcjs.ny.gov or (518) 485-0905. It is expected that the next course will be offered in March and April of 2014.

- ~ In partnership with the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), OPCA graduated nine probation officers from four counties at this year's firearms training class held in July and August. Congratulations to all of the officers in achieving your qualification. OPCA extends its appreciation to the DOCCS personnel for their expert assistance and instruction.

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## 6. Recent State Director's Memoranda

REMINDER: Please review **State Director's Memoranda 2013-3, issued on Jan. 29, 2013, referencing Chapter 491 of the Laws of 2012: New Domestic Violence Laws impacting Pre-Trial Release Programs** –Chapter 491 of the Laws of 2012 provided law enforcement and the courts with better tools to combat domestic violence and hold offenders accountable. Among these were amendments to Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) 510.30, which now requires criminal courts to consider the individual's history of use or possession of firearms, and any violation of an order of protection issued by any court for the protection of a member or members of the same family or household as such term is defined in CPL 530.11(1), whether or not the order is currently in effect, when considering release on recognizance or setting bail requirements for those charged with a crime or crimes against a family or household member.

*All State Director's Memoranda are posted to the IJ Portal: click on Resources, then Reference Library, Probation and finally, to Director's Memoranda.*

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7. Awards, Events, Additional Trainings and News

- ~ On June 26, 2013 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed new legislation into law strengthening "Leandra's Law". The new provisions of law are effective on November 1, 2013. The new law extends the period of interlock restriction to a minimum of one year, allows interlocks to be installed pre-sentence, requires defendants to state on the record in court that they no will no longer "own or operate" a motor vehicle where they will not be installing an ignition interlock device, clarifies that the law applies to Youthful Offenders, and increases the crime classification to an E felony for drivers who drive impaired while granted a conditional license.
- ~ The New York State Probation Officers' Association held its annual training conference in August in Albany.. This year's conference included 26 workshops, four of which were presented by OPCA staff members. In addition, DCJS Deputy Commissioner and Probation Director Robert M. Maccarone presented 17 probation officers with the 2013 State Director's Service Award; 10 of those honorees attended the conference. The 2013 State Director's Award was presented to probation professionals who were recognized for their diligence and professionalism in advancing the automation of the probation discipline in New York State. These individuals served as members of the Statewide Caseload Explorer (CE) Work Group, which was responsible for piloting and implementing CE Version 5.2; assisting in the design and implementation of the statewide template for pre-sentence investigation reports and field testing the new upgrade of the CE-Integrated Probation Registrant System (IPRS) and Probation Workload (DP30/30A)/SORA Reports. In presenting the award, Director Maccarone recognized the commitment of time, effort and resources by all 17 members of the work group in advancing the automation and technology available to probation professionals in their continued work to enhance community safety.



Award recipients from left to right are: *Susan Moore and Faith Newkirk-Harris, Tompkins County Department of Probation and Community Justice; Tom Morris and Jonathan Heller, Dutchess County Probation Department; Valerie Naccarato, Ulster County Probation Department; OPCA Executive Deputy Director John Adams; , State Director and DCJS Deputy Commissioner Robert Maccarone; Probation Director Melanie Mullins and Christine Cordaro, Ulster County Probation Department; Adam Stephenson, Warren County Probation Department; and Jerry Mackey and David Corey, Jefferson County Probation Department.*

~ Chautauqua County Probation Officer Thomas Narraway was presented with the Beacon of Hope Award during a recent ceremony for the graduates of the Dunkirk City Drug Treatment Court. This award is given to a community member who makes a difference in the lives of those enrolled in drug treatment. Events such as this one remind us of the important role probation plays in the lives of those whom we serve. Congratulations on a job well done. Read more about Officer Narraway:

<http://www.observertoday.com/page/content.detail/id/587307/Down-and-dirty-at-Drug-Treatment-Court-graduation.html?nav=5047>

~ Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo issued a proclamation that designated the week of July 21 as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week, recognizing the men and women who monitor offenders under supervision, and face dangers daily in ensuring public safety. As part of this special week, the Governor's Assistant Deputy Secretary for Public Safety Mary B. Kavaney, Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Acting Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci, Parole Board Chair Tina M. Stanford and DCJS Deputy Commissioner and State Probation Director Robert M. Maccarone gathered on July 24, 2013, at the New York State Parole Officers Memorial on the Empire State Plaza in Albany for a ceremony honoring parole officers who have died in the line of duty and to recognize the key role community supervision professionals play in keeping New York's residents safe. To view pictures of the ceremony, visit

<http://www.doccs.ny.gov/PressRel/ParoleMemorialCeremony2013/index.html>

~ APPA eLearning: Inherent in the American Probation and Parole Association's mission is the development and delivery of training programs to enhance its constituents' knowledge and skills for providing more effective community-based corrections services. APPA has myriad grant-funded projects that produce numerous training programs on a variety of topics of relevance to the community corrections field. These trainings are delivered in traditional classroom settings or via various distance learning technologies. To access the eLearning topics, please visit:

http://www.appa-net.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?WebCode=IIC_ProjectBased

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8. Practice Tip: One of the most common injuries seen in child abuse, elder abuse, and/or domestic abuse cases is bruising. For more information, review: [Bruise interpretation: Tips for abuse investigations](#)

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9. Quick Fact: OPCA provided training to 6,937 probation, ATI and other community corrections professionals during the first six months of 2013.

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