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1. New Victim Notification Services for Interstate Probationers Implemented

New York State has joined the growing number of states who have implemented the ICOTS Victim Notification Service, known as IVINS, which provides crime victims with timely notifications about probationers and parolees registered with the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System. IVINS allows victims to self-register to receive information about probationers and parolees who are requesting interstate transfer, have been approved or denied to transfer, departures/arrivals, the submission of a violation requiring intake, relocation back to the sending state and more. The system links all 50 states and three territories so that victims can receive real-time text messages, emails, and/or telephone notifications. Please refer to State Director's Memorandum # 2018-6 for additional information about this important victim notification system.

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## 2. DCJS Convenes Raise the Age Regulatory Workgroup

Last fall, the Division of Criminal Justice Services convened a workgroup of county probation directors, supervisors and officers to start developing and revising regulations to implement provisions of the Raise the Age law, which phases in the expansion of juvenile jurisdiction: 16-year-olds effective Oct. 1, 2018, and 17-year-olds effective Oct. 1, 2019.

The regulations reflect the most effective probationer engagement and evidence-based approaches. Feedback from local probation participants has ensured that these regulations are comprehensive and serve the best interests of system-involved youth.



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3. Operation Return

In New York State, probation is the most frequently imposed sentence for defendants convicted of sex offenses that require registration under the state's Sex Offender Registration Act (Correction Law Article 6-C). The failure of probationer sex offenders to comply increases the threat to community safety. To help ensure community safety and promote greater offender accountability, the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives is continuing Operation Return, its collaboration with the United States Marshal Service and local probation departments to locate probationers who have absconded and are in violation of the law.

Operation Return works to coordinate the location, apprehension and return of Level 2 and 3 probation sex offender absconders for prosecution on outstanding Violations of Probation (VOP) and/or other criminal charges. Operation Return 4 has expanded eligibility criteria: Along with any Level 2 or 3 sex offender who absconds, the operation will include any SORA registered probation absconder (including Level 1) who is:

- a SORA registered sex offender whose victim was a minor;
- a SORA registered sex offender who has known gang ties;
- a SORA registered outgoing interstate transfer who has absconded supervision in the receiving state; or
- a SORA registered sex offender who has failed to submit their DCJS Annual Address Verification form.

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#### 4. 2018 Ignition Interlock Device “Non-Installer” Enforcement Training Program

The Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives is partnering with the DCJS Office of Public Safety to offer four regional trainings for probation, conditional discharge monitors, police/sheriffs, and prosecutors to learn more about effective enforcement strategies targeting Ignition Interlock Device “non-installers,” drivers who continue to illegally operate motor vehicles. The training focuses on current enforcement strategies occurring throughout the state, strategies to identify IID tampering and provides relevant statistical information regarding VTL 1192 and 1198 offenses. Trainings are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates/locations: April 11 in Westchester County, May 3 in Erie County, May 9 in Broome County. The March 7 training in Warren County was cancelled due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled. For additional information on this training, please contact Leonard Price ([Leonard.Price@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Leonard.Price@dcjs.ny.gov)) or Michele Melendez-McKearin ([Michele.Melendez-McKearin@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Michele.Melendez-McKearin@dcjs.ny.gov)).

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5. New IID-Related Automated Report Available to Probation Departments

DCJS now receives an automated report of individuals with a Leandra’s Law qualifying offense who have been released from state prison. This information is available to Probation Departments through the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal (IJ Portal): Resources >> Reporting Services>> IPRS Reports>> IID-Ignition Interlock Report

Please note that only those individuals sentenced in the county associated with the ORI running the report or those being supervised by Parole in that county, will be visible. In addition, the report only lists an individual’s top charge, but inclusion on the list does signify that he or she has been convicted of a Leandra’s Law qualifying offense.

Probation departments are encouraged to review the report regularly to help ensure that individuals are being monitored as required or that probation supervision has been transferred to another jurisdiction where authorized. Probation staff who determine that their agency have not received Orders and Conditions on any of the cases sentenced in your county should inquire with the sentencing court and district attorney’s office as necessary. For additional information, please refer to State Director’s Memorandum 2018-2.

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#### 6. New York State Probation Officers Association Swearing-In Ceremony

DCJS Deputy Commissioner and Director Robert Maccarone recently administered the oath of office to the newly elected members of the board of the New York State Probation Officers Association (NYSPOA). The association aims to increase engagement with the state’s Probation force, providing them a forum to exchange ideas, provide and obtain operation feedback, network with other officers, and learn about criminal justice initiatives throughout the state. NYSPOA encourages probation officers throughout the state to become involved in their organization. For more information, visit [www.nyspoa.com](http://www.nyspoa.com) or contact their assigned regional Vice President(s).



From left to right: DCJS Deputy Commissioner and Director Robert Maccarone; President Joseph Wargo (Jefferson County); Vice President Gladys Larson (Tompkins County); Secretary Tonya Kilby (Cattaraugus County); Secretary Laura Provost (Clinton County); Immediate Past President Kevin McKay (Albany County); and OPCA Executive Deputy Director John Adams.



**7. Three Probation Departments among 31 agencies receiving ATI Grants**

Probation Departments in Columbia, Niagara and St. Lawrence counties were among the 31 local agencies and not-for-profit organizations that are sharing \$7.6 million in funding to support programs designed to help individuals involved in the criminal justice system build skills, obtain substance abuse and mental health treatment, and connect with services to help them break the cycle of recidivism. Columbia County received funding for Pre-Trial Expanded Release Under Supervision Services; Niagara County, for an Alternative to Jail Detention Program and a Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities Expansion (ETASC) project; and St. Lawrence County for a Pre-Trial Release Alternative to Incarceration Program.

The funding began in January will grant funding will target approximately 4,300 individuals for services, assisting those who have been arrested and potentially subject to pre-trial detention, including those with behavioral health needs who are at moderate- to high-risk of re-offending. Programs will also support those who can be effectively supervised in the community with services, as well as stabilize individuals who have violated probation and are at risk of incarceration.



**8. New York State to Invest More than \$4 Million to Expand Access to Substance Abuse Treatment Services**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo recently announced the more than \$4 million in funding to develop 10 24/7 Open Access Centers to deliver immediate engagement, assessment and referral service options to New Yorkers seeking treatment for substance abuse. The centers, to be located across the state, further advance the Governor's efforts to combat addiction in New York State and proactively address the public health problem of addiction to prescription opioids and heroin.

"Substance abuse knows no age, knows no income and knows no zip code in New York or across the nation," **Governor Cuomo said.** "With these around-the-clock Open Access Centers, we can provide critical services night and day to New Yorkers when they need it most."

The primary goal of Open Access Centers is to ensure that anyone in need of substance use disorder services has immediate access to addiction treatment services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Staff will be on-hand to help people, family members and law enforcement with addiction treatment services. Staff will also be available or on-call to provide an immediate assessment and referral to the appropriate level of care.



## 9. Criminal Justice Knowledge Bank


An initiative of DCJS, the new [Criminal Justice Knowledge Bank](#) provides support and resources to help police, prosecutors and probation professionals expand their use of evidence-based approaches. The Knowledge Bank provides a forum to share promising and innovative practices, learn from peers, access national research, and connect with academic researchers. DCJS seeks to expand the site's content and is interested in showcasing effective programs and practices used by probation departments. Review the [Program Summaries](#) currently posted and contact DCJS staff or email the Knowledge Bank directly if you have an initiative or program to showcase from your agency.

The Knowledge Bank also provides a [Resources](#) page, which presents links to national research on evidence-based criminal justice programs and practices; and the [Research Consortium](#), which connects criminal justice professionals with academic partners who can provide assistance on research projects. Small grants are available for research projects.

Please contact DCJS with any questions or to learn more:

 <https://knowledgebank.criminaljustice.ny.gov/>

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## 10. New York State Raise the Age Website

New York State developed a [Raise the Age website](#) to provide information to stakeholders responsible for implementing the law. The site includes an overview of the law, information about the new classifications created by the law, services and programs available for youth, relevant statistics, and a host of relevant resources. Departments and providers are encouraged to visit this site for information and recommendations related to their respective roles in successfully implementing this law.

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## 11. Tax Credit and Probationers

The New York State Department of Labor website offers a plethora of information regarding incentives for employers to hire individual with criminal histories or other barriers to employment. One such incentive, the *Work Opportunity Tax Credit*, or WOTC, offers employers up to the amount of \$2,400 in federal tax savings. To qualify for this tax credit, businesses must verify that individuals who are hired are members of certain target groups, such as people who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), veterans who have a service related disability, people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and individuals with certain felony convictions. For more information about WOTC eligibility requirements and other resources available to individuals who have employment barriers, visit:

<https://labor.ny.gov/businessservices/edsu/edsu%20wotc.shtm>

If you have questions related to the employment of probationers, please contact Community Correction Representative 2 Frank F. Cangiano at [Frank.Cangiano@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Frank.Cangiano@dcjs.ny.gov) or (518) 485-5153.

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## 12. Recent State Director’s Memoranda

The following State Director’s Memoranda are posted to the IJ Portal:

Resources > Reference > Library > Probation > Director’s Memoranda

- **SDM #2018-1:** January 17, 2018 – Court Authorization for Defendant to Use Reduced Breath Sample Volume in Ignition Interlock Device
  - **SDM #2018-2:** January 22, 2018 – New Automated Report – DOCCS – DWI Offenders with Qualifying Ignition Interlock Crimes – Leandra’s Law
  - **SDM #2018-3:** January 24, 2018 – NYS OASAS Addiction Treatment Centers (ATC) Admissions Officers
  - **SDM #2018-4:** January 29, 2018 – NYS DMV Request for Driver Review (Physical, Medical, or Mental Disability only)
  - **SDM #2018-5:** February 26, 2018 - “Leandra’s Law” Implementation Annual Report— January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017
  - **SDM #2018-6:** March 1, 2018 – New ICOTS Victim Notification Service (IVINS)
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## 13. OPCA Training Schedule

The OPCA Training Unit has the following trainings scheduled through April 2018:

- **Interactive Journaling Training for Trainers:** A training for those seeking to become Trained Trainers in the use of Interactive Journaling will take place in Albany: **March 27 - 29, 2018.**

- **Officer Safety and Survival Training (OSST)/Peace Officer/ Fundamentals of Probation Practice (FPP) Course:** This three-week course is designed to equip recently appointed officers with the education and skills necessary to be successful in their roles. This training will take place in Albany, NY on the following dates: **March 5 – 9, 2018; March 19 – 23, 2018; and March 26 – 30, 2018.**
- **Probation Specialized Juvenile Justice Training:** This weeklong training is designed to equip officers with the skills necessary to successfully implement the *Raise the Age* legislation and to produce the desired outcomes when working with a juvenile justice population. This training will take place in Albany, NY on the following dates: **April 23 – 27, 2018.**

These trainings follow two Advanced Motivational Interviewing trainings in January; the Women’s Risk Needs Assessment Training for Trainers and End Users, and the first of two Courage to Change Interactive Journaling trainings, both in February. The first Courage to Change session aimed to train facilitators in the model, and the second session scheduled for this month is a Training for Trainers.

OPCA commends all participants for their commitment to improving your practices and skills through ongoing training.

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14. Awards, Additional Trainings and News from Probation Departments

- **Overview of the Dynamics of Intimate Partner Violence:** Online training course through APPA (cost-free); <http://appa.academy.reliaslearning.com/Overview-of-the-Dynamics-of-Intimate-Partner-Violence--APPA-ODIPV-G.aspx>
- **Identifying and Supervising Victims of Intimate Partner Violence:** Online training course through APPA (cost-free); <http://appa.academy.reliaslearning.com/Identifying-and-Supervising-Victims-of-Intimate-Partner-Violence--APPA-ISVIPV-G.aspx>
- **APPA’s C.A.R.E. Model: A Framework for Collaboration, Analysis, Reentry, and Evaluation: A Response to Street Gang Violence:** Online research study (cost-free); http://www.appa-net.org/psn/docs/PSN_CARE_Model.pdf
- **American Probation and Parole Association 43rd Annual Training Institute, July 29 – August 1, 2018, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:** <http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2018-Philly/attend/>
- **Justice Clearinghouse Events**
http://justiceclearinghouse.com/calender-page/?inf_contact_key=b5590800966a11cd9def00ee46fe1a7265813b725836b7b302e110470b1bff58

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#### 15. Practice Tips

Research indicates that pathways facilitating a woman’s offending differ from those of male offenders. As noted, OPCA has provided training related to the Women’s Risk Needs Assessment (WRNA) to better inform programming decisions when working with women.

Specific areas of need including trauma, abuse, unhealthy relationships, parental stress, and self-efficacy are identified as being gender-specific, meaning these factors are likely to have a greater impact on potential/current women offenders than their male counterparts. This underscores the importance of working with your population in a way that is responsive to their individual needs and leaving behind the one-size fits all approach of years past.

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16. Quick Fact

A major difference between female and male offenders involves the relationships they have with their children. According to the federal Department of Health and Human Services, 65 percent of women in state prisons and 59 percent of women in federal prisons were the primary caregivers to minor children. This fact supports the notion in “Practice Tips,” that the needs of men and women are often vastly different and require individualized program responses.

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