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1. Specialized Probation Juvenile Justice Training Pilot

The DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA) recently piloted a specialized probation juvenile justice training that was attended by 33 new and experienced probation officers from departments across the state. The week-long training is rooted in two key concepts - Effective Client Engagement and Procedural Justice - and included the following topics and components:

- An introduction and overview of the state's Raise the Age law and how it will impact the role of the probation officer and other youth justice system partners.
A two-day Motivational Interviewing course.
An exploration of implicit bias and racial and ethnic disparities and how these topics may manifest in probation practice and affect the outcomes for minority youth involve in the youth justice system.
A comprehensive discussion about case planning that emphasized Prochaska, DiClemente, & Norcross' Transtheoretical Model (Stages of Change) and the importance of careful and purposeful documentation and detailed case notes.
A discussion of how graduated responses can be used effectively and transitional considerations when preparing youth for discharge.

- Finally, a series of skill building activities, designed to enhance the adult learner experience, also were offered throughout the week.



Pilot Training participants join DCJS Deputy Commissioner and Director Robert Maccarone (front row, seventh from left) and OPCA staff.

The training will be offered five more times between June and December:

- June 18 through 22 in Buffalo, Erie County;
- July 9 through 13 in White Plains, Westchester County;
- July 30 through Aug. 3, in Syracuse, Onondaga County;
- Sept. 10 through 14 in Massapequa Park, Nassau County; and
- Dec. 3 through 7 in Lake George, Warren County.



## 2. Raise the Age Training: *Career University – Advancing to the Next Level*

### Career University – Advancing to the Next Level

Applications are still being accepted for the three-week ***Career University – Advancing to the Next Level*** training scheduled for the weeks of June 4 through 8; July 30 through Aug. 3, and Sept. 17 through 21. Probation staff who complete this training will receive their Offender Workforce Development Specialist certification and also be endorsed by OPCA to facilitate the ***Career University – Advancing to the Next Level*** career readiness curriculum for justice involved youth. Education and vocational training are considered essential needs for many 16- and 17-year-olds involved in the youth justice system.

**As a reminder, OPCA can reimburse the cost of lodging for a limited number of training participants.**

These groups will be key to each Probation Department’s Raise the Age comprehensive plan and departments will be able to bill for this direct service for justice-involved youth as part of their plan submission. The application deadline is close of business on **Wednesday, May 9**. Questions can be directed to Community Correction Representative 2 Frank F. Cangiano at [Frank.Cangiano@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Frank.Cangiano@dcjs.ny.gov) or (518) 485-5153.

## 3. New York State congratulates 29 new Offender Workforce Development Specialist Graduates

OPCA recently hosted its 12<sup>th</sup> Offender Workplace Development Specialist Training in partnership with the National Institute of Corrections. A total of 29 professionals successfully completed the training, bringing the total of professionals who have received their OWDS certifications through this partnership to 307.



Deputy Commissioner and Director Robert Maccarone (right) joins with OPCA staff and graduates of the 12<sup>th</sup> Offender Workforce Development Specialist Training.

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**4. IID Non-Installer Enforcement Trainings**

OPCA, in partnership with the DCJS Office of Public Safety, is offering training for probation, conditional discharge monitors, police officers and sheriffs’ deputies, and prosecutors in effective enforcement strategies designed to target ignition interlock device (IID) “non-installers” who continue to illegally operate motor vehicles.

- An overview of the Child Passenger Protection Act, known as Leandra’s Law;
- IID-related laws and regulations;
- IID functionality, including fuel cell technology;
- Identifying an IID restriction on a driver’s license and other records;
- Identifying IID tampering/circumvention;
- The importance of educating operators, family members and the public about the IID restriction;
- VTL 1192 and 1198 arrest statistics; and
- Investigative and charging tips when officers suspect individuals are driving in violation of VTL 1198.

The training also highlights the strategy, planning, operation and results of IID “non-installer” enforcement pilot projects implemented in six counties in New York State during the 2016- 2017. Reviewing these strategies will provide attendees with best practices related to IID enforcement.

Three trainings have occurred; the final course is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9 in Broome County.

For more information or to register, please contact Michele Melendez at [Michele.Melendez-McKearin@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Michele.Melendez-McKearin@dcjs.ny.gov) or (518) 457-7277; or Leonard Price at [Leonard.Price@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Leonard.Price@dcjs.ny.gov) or (518) 485-9941.

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**5. Probationer Felony Re-Arrest – Ten Year Cohort Recidivism Study**

The results of a decade-long study that researched re-arrest among felony probationers are now available. The *Probationer Felony Re-Arrest Rates Report* provides practitioners with insight into these trends, incorporating data on probationers sentenced during the 10-year period from 2007 through 2016) and examining cohorts according to the year they were sentenced (excluding interim supervision cases). The total percentage of probationers arrested for a felony within one, two or three years of sentence has remained essentially unchanged during this timeframe. The complete report is available on the DCJS website: <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/probationer-rearrests.pdf>

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## 6. Parolee/Probationer Arrests: Percent of Total Arrests Within County 2008 – 2017

The *Parolee/Probationer Arrests: Percent of Total Arrests Within County 2008 – 2017* has been released. This report provides probationer re-arrest information by county and statewide, with regional subtotals for New York City and the Rest of the State. The information contained within the report can assist departments with better understanding what portion of their county's arrests involve probationers. Among the trends noted in the report, statewide probationer arrests decreased 28 percent between 2008 and 2017, while total arrests declined by 22 percent during the same period. The complete report is available on the DCJS website: <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/parolee-and-probationer-arrest.pdf>

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## 7. Broome County to Implement Caseload Explorer

The Broome County Probation Department becomes the 57<sup>th</sup> department in New York State to implement Caseload Explorer, the automated probation case management system. Caseload Explorer provides advanced case planning and case management tools to probation officers throughout New York State.

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## 8. OPCA Training Schedule

In addition to the Specialized Probation Juvenile Justice Justice Training noted earlier, the OPCA Training Unit sponsored a three-week Fundamentals of Probation Practice course that was successfully completed by 33 participants from counties across the state and a Train the Trainer course in the Courage to Change Interactive Journaling Program.

On May 17 and 18 in Albany, OPCA will host a Fundamentals of Probation Practice Anchor Training, which is designed for officers designated as Anchor Trainers at locations that host the Fundamentals of Probation Practice course throughout the state.

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## 9. Recent State Director's Memoranda

The following State Director's Memoranda are posted to the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal:

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

- **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) – IVINS Training and WebEx March 14, 2018**
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## 10. Awards, Events, Additional Trainings and News

### **OPCA Staffer Frank F. Cangiano receives Offender Workforce Development Specialist Training Instructor Certification**

Congratulations to Frank F. Cangiano, an OPCA Community Correction Representative 2 who recently received his Offender Workforce Development Specialist (OWDS) Instructor Certification from the National Institute of Corrections. He previously received his fundamental OWDS Training Certification in 2016 and Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) certification last year. With this most recent certification, Frank can now serve as the OWDS Training Program Manager for OPCA.

For more information about OWDS training; Ready, Set, Work! Groups; probationer employment, please contact Frank at [Frank.Cangiano@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Frank.Cangiano@dcjs.ny.gov) or (518) 485-5153.

**University, Community, and Government Partnerships for Race and Equality Conference: Wednesday, June 13 through Friday, June 15.** This conference is sponsored by Niagara University and the New York State Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers at Niagara University in Lewiston. More: <https://www.niagara.edu/niagara-university-partnerships-for-race-and-equality/>

**Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week: Sunday, July 15 through Saturday, July 21.** More: <http://www.appa-net.org/PPP-Supervision-Week/>

**New York State Probation Officers Annual Summer Conference: Wednesday, July 25 through Friday, July 27.** The three-day event at the Hotel Ithaca in Ithaca, Tompkins County, features dynamic workshops, networking opportunities and vendor exhibits. Deputy Commissioner and Director Robert Maccarone will present the Outstanding Service by a Probation Officer Award at the luncheon on Thursday, July 26, 2018. The deadline for nominations for this award is Friday, June 1. Please submit your nomination to OPCA Training Director Patricia Clements via email: [Patricia.Clements@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Patricia.Clements@dcjs.ny.gov).

**American Probation and Parole Association's 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Training Institute: Sunday, July 29 – Wednesday, Aug. 1** in Philadelphia, Penn. More: <http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2018-Philly/attend/>

**Surviving the Trenches: The Impact of Trauma Exposure on Corrections Professionals:** Free, online training available through APPA. More: <http://appa.academy.reliaslearning.com/Surviving-the-Trenches-The-Impact-of-Trauma-Exposure-on-Corrections-Professionals--APPA-STITECP-JG.aspx>

**Creating Productive Partnerships:** Free, online training course available through APPA. More: <http://appa.academy.reliaslearning.com/Creating-Productive-Partnerships--APPA-CPP-GR.aspx>

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### **New Zealand's Youth Justice Transformation**

As New York prepares to implement the first phase of its Raise the Age law on Oct. 1, the state is looking to studies from around the world to assist in the process. *New Zealand's Youth Justice Transformation: Lessons for the United States*, is one such study. Authors address a turning point in the country's youth justice system by testing the effects of *The Children's and Young People's Well-being Act of 1989*. The Act focused on greater use of diversion, broadened the concept of accountability, deepened victim involvement and improved family engagement, pillars widely adopted throughout the country. In taking this restorative approach, New Zealand reduced arrests by 12 percent, improved victims' satisfaction of outcomes in 82 percent of cases; and



decreased youth crime by 33 percent since implementation. The full report is available here:  
[http://www.njjn.org/uploads/digital-library/New%20Zealand's%20Youth%20Justice%20Transformation%20--%20Lessons%20for%20the%20United%20States\\_4.26.18..pdf](http://www.njjn.org/uploads/digital-library/New%20Zealand's%20Youth%20Justice%20Transformation%20--%20Lessons%20for%20the%20United%20States_4.26.18..pdf)

**Governor Cuomo Signs Executive Order to Restore Voting Rights to New Yorkers on Parole**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has signed an executive order to restore voting rights to individuals on parole. This order will restore the right to vote upon release from incarceration and reverse disenfranchisement for thousands of New Yorkers. In making the announcement, Governor Cuomo said: "I am issuing an executive order giving parolees the right to vote. It is unconscionable to deny voting rights to New Yorkers who have paid their debt and re-entered society. This reform will reduce disenfranchisement and will help restore justice and fairness to our democratic process."

**New Law Removes Guns from Domestic Abusers**

New York State recently enacted legislation to remove guns from domestic abusers by closing a loophole in state law that had previously only prohibited firearm possession by those convicted of felonies and a limited number of misdemeanors classified as "serious" domestic violence offenses. Additionally, this law ensures that individuals wanted for felonies or other serious offenses cannot obtain or renew a firearm license.

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**11. Practice Tip**

JusticeXchange is a secure online application that provides authorized users access to booking records, photos and other information from thousands of participating county and city jails and state prisons from around the country. This application allows users to perform simple record searches of participating correctional facilities and also can assist probation officers with their investigation and supervision functions through the Watch Function, which allows probation and law enforcement professionals to list individuals for whom warrants are issued. Law enforcement and criminal justice personnel use JusticeXchange to access real-time national booking records and detailed offender information. Those with licenses to access JusticeXchange are encouraged to utilize this tool regularly. For more information, please contact Community Corrections Representative 2 Colleen Thorn at [Colleen.Thorn@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Colleen.Thorn@dcjs.ny.gov).

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**12. Quick Fact**

Probation departments have submitted more than **132,000** pre-plea/pre-sentence investigations to the PSI Repository in the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal from inception through April 2018. If you would like to review your department's submission information, log on to the IJ Portal and select Resources > Reporting Services > PSI Reports.



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