This newsletter shares information, policy and program updates and best practice information to 20 County Re-entry Task Forces and community stakeholders.

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CRTF Accomplishments During 2021-2022 Contract Year
The 20 County Re-entry Task Forces, in partnership with the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), provided re-entry service coordination, cognitive-behavioral intervention, and employment services to over 2,300 individuals during the contract year ending September 2022. In addition, nearly 25% of the individuals (over 550) who enrolled in a Cognitive Behavioral Intervention and/or Employment Readiness Curriculum program completed it. Six of the 20 CRTFs had at least three or more contracted milestones with achievement over 100 percent.

DOCCS Friends and Family Event: Brooklyn
Last month, DOCCS hosted its second Parole Friends and Family Open House in Brooklyn. DOCCS executive staff, parole officers, community partners and Michele Clarke from DCJS attended. Individuals on community supervision spoke to a panel of professionals from DOCCS and DCJS, and community providers about the importance of reentry services within Kings County. Panelists provided information on various topics such as Narcan and the fight against opioid fatalities in our state as well as the services provided by the County Re-entry Task Force.

NYSDOL and DCJS Continue Partnership--Creating Opportunities for Justice Involved Individuals
DCJS partnered with the Department of Labor (DOL) to offer a webinar series entitled **Creating Opportunities for Justice Involved Individuals**. These agencies have a history of partnership, including the collaborative effort to bring the Workforce Development Specialist training to professionals in the community corrections field since 2008. In Part 1 of this series, NYSDOL workforce partners and OPCA program managers shared information on agency operations and workforce development initiatives. Part 2 was intended *to inform DCJS funded programs and probation departments* about the many workforce development programs and initiatives offered by the DOL. In addition, Probation Departments and ATI/EFS and CRTF programs were able to connect with DOL partners in their regions to discuss service needs, target populations and develop a referral system so that justice involved individuals can benefit from the variety of workforce development initiatives offered by DOL.

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Client Testimonials: New York (Manhattan) CRTF
The New York (Manhattan) CRTF completed its fourth cohort of CBI-Emp at the end of September. Six individuals were enrolled and all six graduated. Two of the six graduates offered the following testimonials.

- *"To be honest, in the beginning I wasn't sure I would complete this workshop. I felt as though the information that was being provided were things that I was already aware of. However, after speaking with David, (CRTF Service Coordinator, who facilitated part of the program) I decided to stick with it. At the end of the workshop, I realized that the trauma of incarceration is hurting a lot of the relationships I am trying to build since my return home. I appreciate Gary and his team for assisting me, they continue to be my support system now, as most of my family is in Puerto Rico". - Carlos M.*
- *"The workshop was enlightening, the best part to me was being involved in the role playing. Watching Gary portray me in the role reversal class was the funniest thing ever! He should be on TV. Seriously, I would recommend the program to all returning citizens!" - Marlon M.*

Spotlight: Onondaga CRTF Hosts Employer Brunch
On Sept. 29, the Onondaga CRTF in collaboration with several community partners hosted an Employer Brunch. The CRTF wanted to recognize the efforts extended in providing second chances to justice involved individuals. Staff were able to formally thank employers who have repeatedly made employment a reality for CRTF participants. Most importantly, the CRTF was able to encourage and remind each other of their role in being "part of the solution" in our community.

SUNY Expands Access to College Instruction to Incarcerated Students
In July, SUNY announced it will utilize $1.5 million in federal grant funds over the next three years to expand college program access to individuals who are incarcerated. Currently, SUNY operates in 20 state correctional facilities and in one federal facility. The goal is to offer college level instruction to 25 state correctional facilities by 2023.

New Legislation
On May 13, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law S.8417B/A.9601B, which expands protections for victims of domestic violence to areas of discrimination where they were not previously guaranteed, such as housing and public accommodations. This law will expand coverage under the Human Rights Law and improve access to the Division of Human Rights complaint process to victims of domestic violence by prohibiting discrimination against victims of domestic violence in every context covered by New York's anti-discrimination law, including housing, education, and public accommodations.