



In case you missed it (ICYMI): Ban the Box legislation went into effect Aug. 25 in Suffolk County. They join several other local governments by passing the "Fair Employment Screening Amendment."

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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The New York State Council on Community Re-entry and Reintegration aims to reduce barriers for New Yorkers with criminal convictions.

DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives Lunch & Learn

The DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA) is delivering a series of "Lunch and Learn" webinars at 12 p.m. on Wednesdays. Experiences will be shared by direct service providers within the Alternative to Incarceration and/or County Re-Entry Task Force (CRTF) programs in each of these webinars to provide real-life perspectives and deliverable tools. Please join us by registering below!

October 14th: Virtual Meetings

October 28th: CBI/RSW Delivery

November 4th: Relationship between Criminogenic Needs & Evidence Based Practices

Spotlight: Kings CRTF Thinking for a Change Virtual Program

On August 27th, the Kings CRTF hosted a virtual graduation ceremony for seven individuals who had successfully completed a 25 week-long Cognitive Behavioral Intervention (CBI), specifically T4C. The graduates spoke about their experiences and what they learned from the T4C Group. The success of the CBI, delivered remotely, is testament to the strong relationship between the CRTF and the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) Re-Entry and Community Supervision professionals. The Kings CRTF succeeded in transitioning to remote CBI at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and remote delivery has proven to be effective for both enrollment and completion. Congratulations to all involved!

Save the Date

Oct. 30: SUNY Offers Key Educational and Vocational Resources

DCJS has partnered with the SUNY-University Center for Academic and Workforce Development to deliver a webinar at 2 p.m., Oct. 30, to provide probation, re-entry and alternatives-to-incarceration professionals with methods that allow Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) and ATTAIN Labs to assist the individuals with whom they work.

New York State Federal Bonding Program

The New York State Federal Bonding Program is a resource sponsored by the New York State Department of Labor (DOL) to assist "high-risk" job applicants obtain and retain employment. If a job applicant is eligible for this program, the program can give the employer a fidelity bond for six months, free of charge. The federal bonding program acts a business insurance policy to protect employers. More information can be found here.

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**Spotlight: Service Link Stop – Erie County Department of Mental Health**  
Service Link Stop, located on West Eagle Street in downtown Buffalo, connects individuals, including those who are involved with the justice system, to a comprehensive set of services – paving their way toward a brighter future aligned with participants’ personal goals. They accept walk-ins Monday through Friday. Clients are linked with various services, including, but not limited to healthcare, housing, employment, social services and education. Participants are also provided essentials such as food, transportation and interview clothes, if necessary. Service Link Stop prides itself on being holistic, collaborative, data-driven and future-oriented. The program meets clients where they are and aims to work in an equitable and restorative manner while finding solutions that lead to positive change.

### **Research in Brief**

#### *College Counseling Program: Bottom Line*

Bottom Line Counseling program, which promotes 4-year college enrollment and completion, was rated “promising” after a randomized controlled trial. Participants had a significantly greater likelihood of enrolling in a four-year college, or any college, and were more likely to be continuously enrolled. The research is available [here](#).

**Vocation, Education and Advocacy Interactive Resource Map:** The Vocation/Education, Employment and Re-Entry Unit will deliver a brief webinar on a new interactive resource map, which contains over 400 “pins” or locations of various education, re-entry, employment and advocacy programs. The webinar will be scheduled in the coming months and additional information is expected to be released soon.

### **Trainings and Webinars**

**Racial Research and Practice Dialogues:** John Jay College will kick off a year-long community dialogue on racial justice research and scholarship at **3 p.m., Oct. 14**, via Zoom. Panelists will include Michelle Chatman, PhD, of the University of the District of Columbia, and Lenwood Hayman, PhD, of Morgan State University. Monika Son, PhD., of John Jay College, will lead the discussion. Join [here](#).

**Offender Workforce Development Specialist (OWDS) Training:** There is compelling evidence that unemployment impedes success in the community and contributes to recidivism. DCJS/OPCA is planning virtual OWDS Training this winter. A formal announcement will be made once the training schedule is finalized.

**National Criminal Justice Association Upcoming and Recorded Webinars:** Information on upcoming webinars and schedules, as well as transcripts and recordings of past webinars, can be found [here](#).

**Zoom Help Center:** Zoom experts host free daily interactive training for individuals hosting webinars, meetings, classes and training on their websites. A list of video tutorials and guides are available [here](#).