



ANNUAL REPORT

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In 2012 the Greene County Probation Department continued to provide mandated services to adults and juveniles in the community. Over the year, the department received 296 new adult probationers, either from local sentences or incoming transfers from other jurisdictions (other counties in New York or other states), an increase of 1 from 2011, which had shown an increase of 40 more cases received than in 2010. In addition, 21 formal juvenile probationers were received, a decrease of 1 from 2011; and another 10 in an informal capacity, after having been referred by the family court, an increase of 7 from 2011. At the end of the year, we were supervising an all-time high of 516 criminal court probationers, an increase of 22 from the end of 2011, and 75 from the end of 2010. Of those 516, 190 were felony cases, compared to 200 at the end of 2011. This criminal caseload increase has continued in this county for the last five years, with an increase during that time of approximately 50% during that period, keeping Greene County near the top in the state in that unfortunate category. For comparative purposes, neighboring Delaware County, with approximately the same population, has approximately one-half of the number of criminal probationers that are supervised here, and neighboring Columbia County, with a population some 20,000 more, has about the same number of criminal probationers supervised here.

Where appropriate, supervision included the requirements that offenders pay restitution, engage in available educational, vocational, and/or treatment programs, and submit DNA samples (collected by this department), in order to remain at liberty. 2011 saw the continuation of the required ignition interlock for DWI probationers who own or operate a vehicle. While some 91% of Greene County probationers sentenced under "Leandra's Law" have avoided the interlock requirement by having disposed of their vehicles, this department's officers remain responsible for reviewing those cases to ensure that offenders have disposed of the vehicles as claimed, with the offenders required to submit notarized affidavits to support their claims. In 2012, the department's main DWI officer, with the assistance of other officers and the Greene County Sheriff's Department/STOP-DWI, was able to continue a twice yearly DWI victim impact panel, to further educate those offenders as to the effect their conduct has on others.

In addition to the formal, i.e., court ordered, supervision cases, 2012 saw a total of 62 juvenile cases referred to the department. Unlike 2011, when the vast majority of these were Juvenile Delinquents, youth from ages 7-15, inclusive, who have committed what would be crimes if they were adults, the majority of juvenile referrals to the department involved Persons In Need of Supervision, or, as commonly referred, PINS. A Person In Need of Supervision is a "status offense," i.e. the conduct they are charged with violating is age specific and not otherwise necessarily illegal. A total of 21 cases, including some "carryovers" from 2011, were successfully diverted from the family court system through participation with the department's intake/diversion supervision program. One-third of those were juvenile delinquents, with their

cases “terminated in their favor,” and sealed. Most of the family court cases are handled by a senior probation officer, who has a small adult caseload in addition to her juvenile tasks.

Another significant part of this department’s tasks include the preparation of pre-plea/pre-sentence (criminal court) and pre-dispositional (family court) investigations/reports. These reports, which require a probation officer to make assessments of an offender based on legal history/delinquent behavior and social circumstances, are utilized by the courts as an aid in determining which offenders should remain in the community. In 2012, 371 were completed/closed for the (local and county) criminal courts, with another 4 completed for the family court. The vast majority of the criminal reports were completed by a single probation officer, as her main task.

In 2012 the department also continued to oversee an Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) program, which placed a variety of offenders at community service work sites throughout the county. This year again saw 87 individuals assigned to the work sites, with 63 satisfactorily completing their obligations. These numbers again far exceeded the targets of 50 assigned and 40 completed, therefore, we were again able to maximize our state reimbursement for this program. In addition to reducing the cost of confining such offenders, their presence at the work sites helped to show the community that offenders are being held accountable for their actions. A probation officer oversees this task, in addition to her overall adult probation supervision responsibilities. Expansion of the program is a goal of the county’s alternatives to incarceration task force/advisory board, of which this director is the chairperson.

The collection of restitution also remained a significant activity for the department. This obligation not only includes the collection of restitution from people who are under our direct supervision, but also from those who have been incarcerated/released on parole and still obligated to pay despite no other tie to this department. In 2012 we opened 85 adult restitution cases, either as a condition of probation or simply as the designated restitution collection agency for Greene County, regardless of the sentence. While this was a lower number of cases opened than in 2011, our collections for the year increased. In 2012, the department collected \$98,701.04 in criminal restitution payable to crime victims, and disbursed \$5,393.05 in surcharges payable to the county. Additionally, another \$2,175.06 was collected from juvenile offenders. For 2012 over \$34,000 in collected restitution were payable to public or non-profit agencies, including more than \$15,000 in welfare fraud reimbursement and nearly \$7,000 for unemployment fraud.

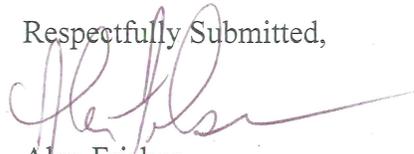
In 2012, the department continued to participate in a variety of collaborative efforts designed to enhance services to those in need. Those efforts, both in the juvenile and adult spheres, included the Greene County (criminal) Drug Court program, to which a senior probation officer has been assigned and has been a valuable asset to the Drug Court team; the Single Point of Access for troubled youth, and jointly (mental health clinician and senior probation officer)

monitored sex offender treatment groups. The sex offender treatment groups, which are held at this department, include one session during the standard work day and another during the late afternoon/early evening. Thus, offenders are able to engage in services not only at a convenient time, but also in the local area, which also serves to aid in the local supervision process.

Lastly, another point of significant note is that staff have continued to work beyond standard office hours, to account for "after hours" time spent doing field work, making court appearances to the various justice courts, seeing probationers at times convenient to them to keep them from missing work, etc. Officers also respond to calls from police on weekends and late night/early morning hours, in addition to any scheduled field work on weekends, and evening court appearances. In addition, the support staff has continued to endeavor to improve the department's professionalism, through the advanced use of various computer programs to keep better track of department records and facilitate the transmittal of information to appropriate agencies; and the continued use of QuickBooks software to facilitate restitution tracking and disbursement.

The attachments to this narrative should help to understand the level at which the department operated during the year 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alan Frisbee
Probation Director

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WORKLOADSUPERVISION

Adult criminal	Felony- 190	Misdemeanor- 326	Total	516
Adult family	1			1
Juvenile	Juvenile Delinquent- 0	Person In Need of Supervision- 28	Total	28
<u>Total formal probation supervision as of 12/31/12</u>				545

Juvenile intake supervision	JD- 1, PINS- 14			15
Pre-adjudicatory supervision	JD- 0, PINS- 8			8
<u>Total supervision (formal and informal) as of 12/31/12</u>				568

INVESTIGATIONS

2011	Total Completed/Closed	375*
		(371 criminal, 4 family)

In comparison, in 2008, the first full year of this director's administration, a total of 249 were completed.

RESTITUTION

2012	Total Collected	\$ 105,013.11
		(\$ 98,701.04 -criminal)
		(\$ 4,137.01 -surcharge)
		(\$ 2,175.06 -family)

RESTITUTION COLLECTED FOR DISBURSEMENT TO PUBLIC/NON-PROFIT AGENCIES*

Greene County (unspecified)	\$	733.59
Greene County Planning	\$	1,055.50
Greene County DSS	\$	15,467.40
NYS Division of Cemeteries	\$	1,331.88
NYS Dept. of Labor	\$	6,982.54
Hunter-Tannersville School District	\$	1,009.99
NYS Office of Victim Services	\$	296.02
Village of Catskill	\$	30.00
Coxsackie Police Department	\$	823.00
Columbia County DSS	\$	90.00
Athens Rural Cemetery	\$	300.00
Catskill Women's Softball League	\$	2,100.00
Coxsackie-Athens Central School	\$	1,775.00
Greenville Central School	\$	70.00
Ulster-Greene ARC	\$	2,088.00
Total	\$	34,152.92

* Included in overall 2012 total

JUVENILE DELINQUENT (JD) & PERSONS IN NEED OF SUPERVISION (PINS)

2012-Total referred to Probation 62
(26 JD 36 PINS)

2012- Total diverted from family court 21
(7JD, 14 PINS)

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (COMMUNITY SERVICE)

87 adults assigned, 63 completed**

** The New York State Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives/Division of Criminal Justice Services provides different levels of reimbursement for each assigned adult and each completed adult. For 2012 we were able to obtain \$5,998 in reimbursement. Unfortunately, this reimbursement is based on the goals of 50 adults and 40 assigned, therefore, even though we vastly exceeded the goals, we did not receive any additional aid for it.

OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS

For 2012, New York State continued with a block grant for probation aid, a total of \$122, 328. In addition, the Greene County STOP-DWI program funded 50% of the salary for the department's DWI officer, and another \$19,000 to assist in departmental functions.

Continued in 2012 from NYS was funding for probation cases sentenced under the "Leandra's Law" provisions to have an ignition interlock device installed on any car owned or operated by a defendant. For 2012, this department received a total of 43 "Leandra's Law" probation cases, at a rate of \$114 for cases during the 1st 3 quarters of the year, and \$110.21 for cases sentenced during the last quarter, based on the state funding schedule.

The department also received 1% of posted bails in the county, to offset alternatives to incarceration efforts, and over \$700 from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, to offset the expenses of conducting pre-sentence investigations on inmates who have committed crimes while in housed in a state prison in Greene County, and subsequently prosecuted and convicted in Greene County Court.