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Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year

Larry J. Bryant

Officer Larry Bryant has been an employee for the State of Oklahoma, Department of Corrections for 19 years. He devoted 9 years to the Southeast District community corrections initially as Probation and Parole Officer I and has progressed to Probation and Parole Officer III. Officer Bryant's most noted certifications include his CLEET certification as an Officer with the Antlers Police Department in 1989 where he was recognized as "Class Leader" and "Top Gun". Larry currently manages a caseload of approximately 95 cases and is proficient in Motivational Interviewing (MI). Larry has also served as an outstanding mentor for a number of new officers and has assisted other probation and parole officers in caseload and field work. He has been assigned caseloads located at various sub-offices which were left vacant by retirements, resignations and military leave. Officer Bryant sets the example of a Probation and Parole Officer, with his knowledge and leadership skills as well as his numerous certifications. He was chosen as the Probation and Parole Officer of the Year for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 2010. Officer Bryant is a leader in his community and he has a positive effect on the individuals he encounters on both a personal and professional level.

Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year Nominees

Eric Cerda

Employment Resources Coordinator/
Detention Services Officer
Los Angeles County Probation Dept.
Los Angeles, CA

Scott DeArman

Probation Officer
Yavapai Juvenile Court Services
Prescott Valley, AZ

Sandra Cumming

SMI Probation Officer
SMI Homeless Outreach
Maricopa County Adult Probation
Phoenix, AZ

Raoul L. Williams

US Probation Officer
US Probation – Eastern Missouri
St. Louis, MO

APPA President's Award

Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision (SSAS)
Nebraska Probation

Nebraska Probation's Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision (SSAS) Program provides felony drug offenders who are either headed for or released from prison the opportunity to address their substance addictions while gaining skills needed to become productive citizens in their communities. SSAS participants more closely mirror inmates as their elevated LS/CMI scores are 23 or greater. Through targeting the specific treatment and programming needs of these individuals, Nebraska Probation is beginning to see more promising outcomes.

SSAS implementation served a number of justice priorities and successfully crossed governmental branches as part of a seamless statewide approach to address not only prison overcrowding but also to provide additional effective sentencing alternatives for Nebraska's judges. It also provides dedicated appropriate services and resources for non-violent, but at high risk to reoffend, probationers and parolees. SSAS integrates with Nebraska's Behavioral Health Public and Private networks and provides significant outcome data for the state's legislators predicated on the value and cost benefit of increasing an offender's ability to become a productive citizen.



University of Cincinnati Award

Jack Chirieleison

Jack Chirieleison is the Chief Technology Officer for The Lloyd Society in Kensington, MD. His peers recognize him for his diligence and dedication to establishing and improving data management and data reporting systems for probation officers throughout the nation. As a contractor for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the Census of Juveniles on Probation, Jack was responsible for creating a web-based reporting system for data that is collected under this bi-annual Census of Juveniles on Probation. This national level data collection will provide probation officers with critical information not previously available to them. He spent countless hours contacting individual probation officers in order to determine their exact needs. He did not create a one-size-fits-all data collection mechanism. Instead, he listened to probation officers from many different states, and various sized offices, and created a program that has multiple response formats, multiple reporting options, and multiple trouble shooting opportunities. Although the collection officially closed in December, he has remained available, to respondents for over 6 months as they struggle to provide the data for this important Census. Moreover, Jack created an interactive component to data collection instrument that allows respondents to review their own data, confidentially, in several formats, including aggregated data reports, graphics reports, and other formats that are valuable tools for POs as they respond to inquiries from state, local, and federal entities.



Walter Dunbar Memorial Award

Dr. Geraldine Nagy

Serving as the Director of Travis County Adult Probation for the past five years, Dr. Geraldine Nagy has transformed her Department into an Evidence Based organization. She has a solid research background, earning her doctorate in psychology and teaching courses in organizational psychology, statistics and research design at Pacific Lutheran University. Dr. Nagy also spent much of her career as a hands-on practitioner, working with many different stakeholders to devise and put into practice more effective community corrections policies.

As the Director of Travis County Adult Probation, Dr. Nagy demonstrated her collaborative approach by creating a two-year plan to re-engineer the Department toward an Evidence Based Program and implementing it with the help of an independent criminal justice expert, her department administrators and field staff. Dr. Nagy also improved the way Travis County Adult Probation supervises their probationers and has spent the majority of her career helping different types of offenders as well as educating the community on the benefits of probation. She has conducted support groups with high-risk girls and helped inmates suffering from mental illness through crisis counseling.

In balancing the many challenges and complexities of probation, Dr. Nagy has built an infrastructure of knowledge and made key administrative choices that have benefited Travis County and the profession itself.



APPA Member of the Year Award

Jean Kuehl

Jean Kuehl is a nationally recognized leader in community corrections and currently serves as the Assistant Director for the 6th Judicial Circuit Department of Corrections in Cedar Rapids, IA. Jean has been in the community corrections field since 1977 and is a long standing member of the American Probation and Parole Association. In 2007 she assumed responsibility for her agency's organizational development, internal investigations and the administration of evidence based practices and training and quality assurance strategies to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the agency's practitioners. She also has oversight for several Community Corrections Improvement Association programs. Jean's activities in APPA includes serving as a track chair for the Chicago Annual and Myrtle Beach Winter Training Institutes. She has both facilitated and presented at numerous training institutes and is currently Chair of the Community Justice and Prevention Committee. She is a member of the Awards Committee and is a member of the APPA Board of Directors.

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Joe Kegans Award for Victim Services in Probation and Parole

Pat Tuthill
Peyton Tuthill Foundation
Tallahassee, Florida

After losing her daughter to a vicious crime Pat Tuthill used her grief and despair as motivation to seek change in the criminal justice system for victims of crimes to try as much as possible to insure that similar events not happen again. Pat is the first victim representative to hold a seat on the board of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision, and it is appropriate that she does so. She has been a tireless advocate for the rights of victims whose offenders are supervised under the compact. Pat's determination, that no other family suffer the tragedy that her family did when her daughter was raped and murdered by an offender being supervised by the compact, shed a light on a need that really was not recognized by many victim service providers nor compact administrators.

The Peyton Tuthill Foundation was launched to assist crime victims and homicide survivors. The foundation assists victims of crime, awards scholarships, protects the rights of victims, and advocates for public safety through effective public policy. The Peyton Tuthill Foundation also promotes safe offender re-entry into our communities to protect families. The recipients of foundation scholarships are amazing young survivors who reached beyond their own grief and challenges to help and mentor other young victims. A partial list of Pat Tuthill's affiliations include:

- Victims Representative, Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision
- Victims Representative, Florida State Council for the Interstate Compact
- American Probation and Parole Association Victim Issues Committee
- Parents of Murdered Children
- Florida Network of Victim Witness Services
- National Organization for Victim Assistance
- National Coalition for Crime Victims in Action

Presented at Plenary Session, Orange Ballroom EFG Monday, February 28, 8:30 a.m.

APPA Community Awareness through Media Award

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
"Re-Entry Radio"

The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections in connection with probation and parole started their "Re-Entry Solutions" radio broadcast in early May of 2010. The radio program is on radio station KAYT every Wednesday from 1-2pm and is primarily heard in the western, northern and southern part of Louisiana and also stretches as far as northwestern Mississippi, southern Arkansas, northeastern Texas and world-wide via the internet.

The radio program was developed into a method of getting the message out on what probation and parole, the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Department of Correction Re-Entry does for the people of Louisiana. It has proven to be very effective and helped thousands of people with the information provided each week.

The mission of the program is to coordinate with existing resources and develop needed resources to assist ex-offenders to break the cycle of return to incarceration. This program will soon be televised which is another testament to its success.

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Sam Houston State University Award

Elisa DiTrolio
Crime Analyst
Colorado Department of Corrections

Elisa DiTrolio is the Crime Analyst for the Division of Adult Parole, Community Corrections, and Youthful Offender System (APCCYOS) within the Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC). Ms. DiTrolio communicates with, and provides information on, the 12,000+ offenders under supervision by the Division to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. She also coordinates information sharing between the CDOC Inspector General's Office and the division on the 40,000+ offenders who will be released to the Division from CDOC facilities in the future.

Ms. DiTrolio was the lead person in the development of the GIS (Geospatial Information Systems) mapping that was incorporated into the division's caseload management system, C-WISE. She worked closely with division staff, ESRI (server and software), MGB (programmers), and Protocol Global Solutions (C-WISE developers). Without Ms. DiTrolio's oversight of this effort, the project would not have succeeded.

The C-WISE mapping program has been such a success that Ms. DiTrolio has been asked to present on the program at national and international conferences. She has also had an article published on the C-WISE mapping program in the Fall 2010 issue of Tech Beat. Ms. DiTrolio is an outstanding representative of this division and is a worthy recipient of the Sam Houston State University Award.

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APPA Award for Excellence in Community Crime Prevention

Ric Lugo
United States Probation Officer
Central District of California Probation Office

Mr. Lugo's vision has helped create and implement the Central District of California probation office's "Ready to Work" Program (RtoW), a soft skills employment readiness program tailored for individuals with a criminal record. Since its inception in 2007, RtoW has assisted several thousand defendants, inmates and offenders by preparing them for a positive transition to the community through job readiness training.

Mr. Lugo developed an easy to follow presenter's guide, participant packet and power point presentation that can be used by other probation offices in the country. He has personally shared RtoW with many probation offices nationally and at least five federal probation offices have implemented this initiative in their home districts. Through RtoW, Mr. Lugo has forged and maintained a collaborative relationship with BOP Victorville, culminating in a Reentry Summit held annually. The Reentry Summit brings together the BOP, U.S. Probation Office, U.S. Pretrial Services and community outreach partners to network and discuss proactive solutions to mitigate recidivism of those in prison who will soon be members of our community.

Mr. Lugo is also a member of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts National Reentry Expert Group. He is tasked with the oversight and implementation of the Second Chance Act and has been the catalyst in assisting many offenders within their district.

Presented at Opening Session, Orange Ballroom EFG Sunday, February 27, 6:00 p.m.