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UKRAINIAN PROBATION SERVICES TO OPEN AMERICAN PROBATION AND PAROLE ASSOCIATION'S 47th ANNUAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

The training institute will take place August 28-31 in Chicago, Illinois with keynote speakers traveling from Ukraine's Justice System

Lombard, IL – August 23, 2022 – At a pivotal time for community corrections reform across the globe, the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) is hosting over 1,500 professionals from the adult and juvenile sectors at its <u>47th Annual Training Institute</u> on August 28-31. The hybrid international event will be held in Chicago, Illinois and virtually.

The program opens with a keynote presentation by representatives of the Ukrainian Justice System, who are making a special trip from Ukraine to the United States for the event. Ukraine developed a national probation office model in 2018 based on international experience. Just before the war, they equipped three probation offices in Kyiv and the Kiev region, started introducing an electronic monitoring system, and drafted legislation.

The presenters include:

- **Mr. Oleh Yanchuk**, Director of the Public Institution "Center of Probation" (Probation Service). Within the framework of reforming the State Criminal Executive Service of Ukraine, Mr. Yanchuk assisted with the introduction of Probation in Ukraine.
- **Ms. Olena Vysotska** Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine. Ms. Vysotska coordinates the activities of probation (as well as the entire penitentiary system of Ukraine) and is an active participant in the development of probation in Ukraine.

"I am looking forward to being inspired as our colleagues speak about the work of the probation service in Ukraine in an active conflict environment," said APPA's Executive Director Veronica Cunningham. "This is the beginning of a global effort to provide support to Ukraine from justice system partners across the globe. APPA will introduce Ukraine to American community supervision activities, training, and technology during an active dialog and exchange of experiences. Our probation colleagues of Ukraine need support and new resources today, more than ever," she added.

Rebuilding the probation infrastructure after the war will require a great deal of resources, including replacing office and technical equipment. APPA has designated purchasing new computers for the Ukrainian Center of Probation as one of its <u>Dennis Maloney Community Service Projects</u>.

Other featured plenary speakers include U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, representing the 7th district of Illinois and Hon. Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

APPA's 47th Annual Training Institute is also available via a virtual experience through livestreamed and on-demand sessions, which includes networking with other virtual attendees. Registration is required and can be completed online.

For more information, visit appa-net.org.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN PROBATION AND PAROLE ASSOCIATION

For nearly 50 years, APPA has been committed to national representation of the community corrections field. The association is dedicated to reducing recidivism and keeping communities safe. Members are provided with information and educational resources including training delivered via various mediums.

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