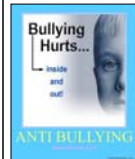


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### BULLYING- IT'S NOT JUST CHILD'S PLAY

BY MATT GARBER, PROBATION OFFICER



### Mission Statement

*The Mission of the Genesee County Probation Department is to enhance the safety of victims and communities through the fair and effective supervision of*

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Recent media attention on cases such as Jamey Rodemeyer, the young man from Williamsville who committed suicide after being picked on by fellow classmates, have brought the issue of bullying to the nation's attention.

Statistics show 60% of middle school students say that they have been bullied and upwards of 160,000 students stay home from school everyday due to bullying. Along with the drop in attendance at school, 20% of high school students say they have seriously considered suicide within the last 12 months from the bullying they receive at school. In addition, 43% of kids have been bullied while online and one in four had it happen more than once.

Bullying is not only an issue for the victims but for society as a whole. A bully is six times more likely to be incarcerated by the time he/she reaches the age of 24 tying up the legal system and wasting tax dollars.

In reaction to the recent headlines, New York State has imposed the Dignity for All Students Act (passed in the 2011 legislative session). The bill prohibits harassment against any student for any perceived or actual reason including race, sexual orientation, gender or religion. It does this by requiring that schools establish anti-harassment and discrimination policies, create training programs against harassment and discrimination, raise awareness among staff members, and develop counseling methods directed toward teaching non-discrimination. The act will go into effect July of 2012.



Along with the recent change in school policies, some politicians have proposed the idea of making bullying a crime. To date New York State has declined to make this a crime citing they wanted instead to focus on awareness versus criminalization. Presently the State favors teaching students and teachers methods to address the bullying through intervention developed by the schools, in the hope no

Court action will be required and children can avoid contact with the legal system.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Governor Andrew Cuomo and legislative leaders locked down an agreement on defining cyber bullying. A cyber bullying bill passed the Senate and Assembly and the Governor is expected to sign the bill. "Bullying" would be defined as having the same legal meaning as "harassment:" the creation of a hostile environment by conduct, threats, intimidation or abuse that reasonably has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's well-being, disrupts the school environment or causes a risk of physical or emotional harm. Cyber bullying would simply be bullying by any electronic communication. This would not be a criminal offense, as some legislator's have advocated. The measure's primary focus is on prevention and protection. New York's law is groundbreaking because it expands schools' role in the battle, compelling them to extend their reach to occurrences beyond the school yard, hallway or bus.

[HTTP://BEHAVIORAL-MANAGEMENT.COM/BULLYING-STATISTICS](http://BEHAVIORAL-MANAGEMENT.COM/BULLYING-STATISTICS)  
[http://www.stompoutbullying.org/aboutbullying\\_theissue.php](http://www.stompoutbullying.org/aboutbullying_theissue.php)

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Favorite Probationer  
Quotes



During a PSI Interview when asked if there was anything else this Department or the Court needed to know about him, the defendant stated he was a big advocate of marijuana use. He feels it has a lot of good qualities and is less harmful than alcohol. It is natural, growing out of the ground like a tomato and isn't a chemical with added poisons like cocaine is.



Submitted by PO W. Bogan



**BIVONA TRAINING ON CHILD ABUSE  
BY MICHELE TUCCI, SR PROBATION OFFICER**



*The mission of Bivona Child Advocacy Center is to coordinate and provide services and support to meet the needs of child victims of sexual or physical abuse and their families at a single and safe, child-friendly facility. The Center is committed to reducing trauma, promoting accountability, fostering healing, and advocating on behalf of child victims of sexual and physical abuse.*

The Bivona Child Advocacy Center held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit on Child Abuse at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Rochester, NY on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This is also the 4<sup>th</sup> year I have attended and the first year that I have volunteered for the Summit planning committee.

The Summit consists of multi-disciplinary training for professionals that work with children. The basis for the Summit is to bring awareness and educate those professionals about child abuse issues.



**One of every 4 girls and one of every 6 boys is sexually abused before their 18th birthday.  
Report Abuse NYS Child Abuse Hotline:  
1-800-342-3720  
Source: <http://www.bivonacac.org/about-child-abuse>**

Trujillo (J.D., child abuse and sexual assault survivor, speaker and consultant) Victor Veith (Director, National Child Protection Training Center), and Joe Sullivan (registered forensic psychologist and director Mentor Forensic Service LTD). Each brought with them a wealth of knowledge regarding personal victimization, working with child abuse and sex abuse victims, and working with sex offenders.

Participants left with a broad range of understanding and knowledge of the issues at hand. They were provided with references and resources that will allow them to properly serve the needs of the children they work with.

The next Summit is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Rochester, NY. For additional information please access their website at [www.bivonacac.org](http://www.bivonacac.org).

This year's Summit included several well known speakers to include Olga

**DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

JULIE A. SMITH, PROBATION DIRECTOR



During the week of July 15<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012, people across the United States will join together to recognize the work that probation, parole and community supervision professionals do for our public safety.

Since 1841, the practice of probation and parole has played a vital role in our justice system.

These professionals are a critical part of the public safety system. Today in America, there are over 5 million adults on community supervision and most of these individuals are monitored by probation and parole officers. Monitoring may take the form of home contacts, drug testing, making sure the offender attends counseling sessions and helping offenders to find

suitable housing and employment.

Community corrections has also been affected by the downturn in the economy. Budget shortfalls mean that probation and parole professionals must be creative in finding solutions to making sure those they supervise have the support needed to find jobs, housing and treatment. By collaborating with commu-

nity agencies, officers are making a difference while faced with expanding caseloads and additional responsibilities.

Members of our community are encouraged to join together during Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week to honor those who work to make our communities a safer place to live.

**VETERANS COURT- TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO SERVED  
BY KEVIN FORSYTH, PROBATION OFFICER (AND VETERAN)**



Many of us may be familiar with Drug Court, DWI Court or Mental Health Court, however not everyone has heard of Veterans Court. Veterans Court is a “hybrid” court serving veterans by helping them address their substance abuse and/or mental health issues, along with issues unique to the veteran population. These issues include Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

PTSD is a mental health issue that can occur after someone experiences a traumatic event like combat, assault or a disaster. A study conducted in 2008 indicated an approximately 18.5% of those returning from combat

reported symptoms consistent with PTSD.<sup>1</sup> These symptoms include

remedy the situation which can also lead to stress in their relationships. These situations can

lead to contact with the criminal justice system. The Court currently has 4 active participants and 3 new cases pending. As of March 2012 the Court has served a total of 25 veterans.

Members of the Public Defenders’ and District Attorneys’ Offices, mentors, a service officer, a Justice Outreach Specialist and a Probation Officer. Since its inception the Veterans Track averages 8 to 10 veteran participants.

**“Through this process we are seeking a better way to provide justice to those veterans who, despite the sacrifices they made for our country, sadly find that they have brought the war home with them.**

Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr., On Veteran’s Court in *The Buffalo News* on



flashbacks, avoiding situations that may remind them of the event, feeling numb, finding it hard to express feelings and hyper arousal—always being alert and on the lookout for danger.<sup>2</sup>

Sometimes people suffering from PTSD will turn to drugs or alcohol to help

Another issue more common in veterans than the general population is TBI. An estimated 320,000 Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan may have experienced a traumatic brain injury during their deployment.<sup>3</sup> The severity of TBI varies from mild to severe.

The Batavia Treatment Court Veterans Track was established in October of 2010. The Veterans Track team consists of the Judge, Coordinator, mem-

1)www.rand.org/pubs/research\_briefs/RB9451/index1.html  
2)www.ptsd.va.gov/public/pages/what-is-ptsd.asp  
3)www.veteransnewsroom.com/files/press/VETERANS-Fact-Sheet-Veterans.pdf

**GENESEE COUNTY PROBATION’S MOST WANTED**

**WANTED**  
By  
Genesee County Probation  
Department

**Brandt L. Arnold Jr.**  
For Violation of Probation  
(DWI)  
Contact Genesee Co Probation  
585-344-2550 Ext. 2257  
with information

**WANTED**  
By  
Genesee County Probation  
Department

**Harvey J. Horton**  
For Violation of Probation  
(DWI)  
Contact Genesee Co Probation  
585-344-2550 Ext. 2257  
with information

**WANTED**  
By  
Genesee County Probation  
Department

**Rodney Laframboise**  
For Violation of Probation  
(DWI)  
Contact Genesee Co Probation  
585-344-2550 Ext. 2257  
with information

**WANTED**  
By  
Genesee County Probation  
Department

**Michael W. Mairose**  
For Violation of Probation  
(DWI)  
Contact Genesee Co Probation  
585-344-2550 Ext. 2257  
with information

**WANTED**  
By  
Genesee County Probation  
Department

**Charles J. Pipes**  
For Violation of Probation  
(DWI)  
Contact Genesee Co Probation  
585-344-2550 Ext. 2257  
with information

**WANTED**  
By  
Genesee County Probation  
Department

**James H. Rowcliffe**  
For Violation of Probation  
(DWI)  
Contact Genesee Co Probation  
585-344-2550 Ext. 2257  
with information

**WANTED**  
By  
Genesee County Probation  
Department

**John J. Smalley**  
For Violation of Probation  
(RECKLESS ENBAURMENT, 2)  
Contact Genesee Co Probation  
585-344-2550 Ext. 2257  
with information

**WANTED**  
By  
Genesee County Probation  
Department

**Shane D. Vandenberg**  
For Violation of Probation  
(MEXICAN, 2B)  
Contact Genesee Co Probation  
585-344-2550 Ext. 2257  
with information

**WANTED**  
By  
Genesee County Probation  
Department

**David L. Williams**  
For Violation of Probation  
(CRIMINAL CONTEMPT)  
Contact Genesee Co Probation  
585-344-2550 Ext. 2257  
with information

**WANTED**  
By  
Genesee County Probation  
Department

**Angela K. Williamson**  
For Violation of Probation  
(PIT LARCENY)  
Contact Genesee Co Probation  
585-344-2550 Ext. 2257  
with information



## WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.CO.GENESEE.NY.US/DPT/  
PROBATION

# PROTECTING GENESEE COUNTY

### Famous Quote:

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words.  
Watch your words, for they become actions.  
Watch your actions, for they become habits.  
Watch your habits, for they become your character.  
And watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.  
What we think, we become."  
— Margaret Thatcher

## GENESEE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Law and Order: Probation Allegedly Finds Felon With Shotguns

Submitted by Howard Owens on 3/5/12

**Eric Charles Zglinicki**, 49, of Alleghany Road, Darien Center, is charged with criminal possession of a weapon, 4th. Zglinicki was allegedly found in possession of three shotguns following an investigation and search of his residence by the Genesee County Probation Department and the Sheriff's Office. Zglinicki has a prior felony conviction.

From: *The Batavian*

## GENESEE COUNTY PROBATION'S MOST WANTED— CAPTURED



## EMPLOYEE NEWS



**Wedding Bells for**  
**Senior Probation Officer Rachel Mathers**  
**and**  
**Sheriff's Sergeant Thomas Sanfratello**  
**6/16/2012**

## PROBATION, PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK



*yesterday.* **TODAY.** **TOMORROW**

## PO FORSYTH TAKES PART IN "DRUG TRENDS IN GENESEE COUNTY" TRAINING



Genesee County Single Point of Accessibility, a part of the Genesee County Mental Health Department that coordinates wrap-around services for eligible individuals, partnered with GCASA's Drug Free Communities Coalition April 23 to offer a free training titled "Drug Trends in Genesee County."

Presenters for "Drug Trends in Genesee County" included Barbara Maryniak, Prevention

Educator for GCASA, Chris Erion Genesee County Youth Officer, and Kevin Forsyth, Genesee County Probation Officer.

Nearly 100 people were in attendance for the training on designer drug phenomenon, signs and symptoms of K2/Spice, Bath Salts and other commonly abused drugs, and drug paraphernalia.

From *The Batavian*