



# IN THE CENTER

## News from Community Corrections

### The Numbers:

- **582:** number of probationers referred to Intermediate Sanction Level III/IV October-December 2011
- **92%:** percentage of those probationers that were **not** arraigned on a new offense within three months
- **89%:** percentage of those probationers that were **not** arraigned on a new offense within six months

### COLLABORATION CORNER: PROBATION OFFICERS INCREASE CONTACT IN THE CENTER

At the **Quincy Community Corrections Center** probation officers increase their contact with the highest risk probationers by making regular visits to the CCC. For about ten years Tuesday and Thursday evenings have been a time

when Intermediate Sanction Level (ISL) III/IV probationers can expect any number of probation officers from the **Quincy District Court** or the **Norfolk Superior Court** to drop in and check on their progress.



*Probation Officer Christine Pancyck of the Quincy District Court meets with ISL III/IV probationers at the Quincy Community Corrections Center.*

Among the probation officers that regularly meet with their probationers in the center are: **Kim Gruenberg**, **Phil**

**Landry**, and **Christine Pancyck** of the Quincy District Court and **Mike Buckley** and **Matt O'Toole** of the Norfolk Division of the Superior Court.

According to Quincy District Court **Chief Probation Officer James Brennan**, "Visibility in the community is at the core of probation and being at the Quincy CCC allows our officers to increase that visibility with our more serious at-risk probationers." CPO Brennan, **Probation Regional Supervisor Frank Campbell**, and Norfolk Superior Court **Chief Probation Officer Milton Britton** are among the supervisors that have supported this effort by probation staff.

Quincy CCC **Program Manager Richard McDonough** of the **Norfolk County Sheriff's Department** stated, "This communication at the center between Probation Department staff and our participants is certainly an efficient and healthy use of time and is a pleasure to see



*Probation Officer Kim Gruenberg of the Quincy District Court and Probation Officer Mike Buckley of the Norfolk Superior Court meet with ISL III/IV probationers from the reception window at the Quincy Community Corrections Center.*

in action. Along with having more exposure of our center, issues or concerns are addressed and may be resolved quickly, as staff from our clinical services and Sheriff's Department is always on site at this time as well."

Submitted by Rich McDonough

### COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKS: SUMMER SERVICE SAVES MONEY ACROSS THE STATE



*Probationers from Framingham District Court planted shrubs and flowers at Cushing Memorial Park in Framingham.*

This summer community service continued to make a difference for municipalities, nonprofit organizations, and state agencies with projects such as providing set-up and clean-up crews for **Bike MS** in Cape Cod, grounds maintenance at **Second Chance Animal Shelter** in East Bridgewater, planting shrubs and flowers at **Cushing Memorial Park** in Framingham, and supporting **Boston Police** community policing through neighborhood clean-up in Allston-Brighton.



*Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis, Allston-Brighton Civic Association President Paul Berkeley, Cpt. James Hussey and Sgt. Mike O'Hara present an award to Mike Collins and Chris Cannata of the Trial Court Community Service Program for community service performed in Allston-Brighton.*

## MASSACHUSETTS TRIAL COURT OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

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**ABOUT:** Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 211F, the Massachusetts Trial Court, Office of Community Corrections (OCC), is charged with implementing intermediate sanctions through the development of community corrections programs. Among the programs developed by the OCC are the Trial Court Community Service Program and the state's 21 Community Corrections Centers. The Community Service Program administers community service as a sanction, or in lieu of fees, for probation departments across the state. Community Corrections Centers facilitate intensive supervision by delivering a combination of sanctions and services via Intermediate Sanction Level (ISL) III/IV. ISL III/IV combine services such as: substance abuse treatment, education, job development, life skills and vocational training with sanctions such as: drug testing, community service, electronic monitoring and day reporting. Community Corrections Centers provide an alternative to incarceration for offenders on probation, parole, or in the custody of the sheriff, Department of Correction or Department of Youth Services thereby reserving prison space for the most dangerous offenders.

## ACHIEVERS: LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD THROUGH DECADES AT THE WORCESTER JRC

Earlier this year Intermediate Sanction Level III/IV participants at the **Worcester Juvenile Resource Center (JRC)** took a look back at major events of the last few decades in order to gain insight into how they can be achievers of the future. Staff and participants broke into three teams to research the political, social, economic and pop culture events of the 1960's, 70's and 80's.



*Worcester Public School Teacher Angela Dyer, and YOU Inc. staff including, Administrative Assistant Vera Manzi, Program Monitor Doug Geter, Clinician Gina Wojnarowicz, and Program Manager Karen Benson dressed for Decades.*

Teams were led by **YOU Inc.** staff **Luis Aviles, Jerry Ayantola, Pete DeProspero, Alex Diaz, Doug Geter, Vera Manzi, Ismael Rosado, Jen Satkowski, and Gina Wojnarowicz.** On-site **Worcester Public School Teachers Angela Dyer and Roger Nugent** also took part in the project.

The fourteen ISL III/IV participants, referred to the JRC by the **Worcester Juvenile Court**, created posters, Power Point presentations and timelines. Among the presentations was one titled "Music Through the Decades". Participants presented their projects to staff from the **Office of Community Corrections, Office of the Commissioner of Probation, Worcester County District Attorney's Office** and the **Department of Youth Services.** According to JRC Program Manager **Karen Benson** of YOU Inc., the project gave the participants the opportunity to practice research skills, collaboration and presentation skills.



*Worcester Public School Teacher Roger Nugent and Vera Manzi capturing the spirit of the sixties for Decades.*

In the time since Decades, as the event came to be known, five of the participants who took part have met standard program benchmarks, including a minimum of three-months of sobriety, consistent attendance and progress towards treatment goals.

Submitted by Karen Benson

## UPDATE: CHANGES IN THE CENTER

- On July 2, 2012 the **Boston Community Corrections Center (CCC)** and **Women's Resource Center** were consolidated under one contract for program management. This consolidation will result in significant cost-savings to the Trial Court by virtue of the elimination of the administrative costs associated with individual contracts and the reduction in staff positions for the provision of services. Gender specific treatment and counseling services will continue to be provided consistent with contract provisions for all community corrections centers. The Office of Community Corrections set forth an implementation plan to minimize the operational impact of these changes on participants. Female participants continue to report to the Boston CCC on the second floor, which is the primary location of service delivery for females. A new schedule of services was implemented with minimal impact on individual participant schedules thanks to the support and cooperation of **Probation Officer In-charge Maria Cabral** and **Regional Supervisor Mark McHale.**
- On July 2, 2012 the **Worcester Juvenile Resource Center (JRC)** relocated from the Worcester War Memorial and Auditorium on Harvard Street in Worcester to the campus of the Assembly of God Church at 30 Tyler Prentice Road in Worcester. The new location is in immediate proximity to the Worcester District Office of the **Department of Youth Services.** The new location features access to a gymnasium and music room. The move was conducted with the support of the **Trial Court Community Service Program** and the **Worcester County Sheriff's Department.**