

**NYSAIEP REGION 5: MOHAWK VALLEY: REGION
REPRESENTATIVE PAUL SALAMY.**

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School year 2015

BOCES/District Affiliate: Oriskany Central School District

Oneida County Correctional facility

Oneida County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Robert M. Maciol

6075 Judd Rd.

Oriskany NY 13424

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Lead Teachers: Denise Mazza and Misty LeRoux

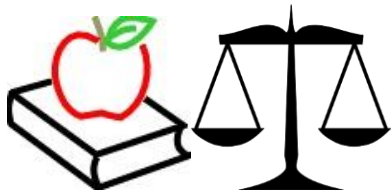
Other Staff/titles: Tania Wentworth – Teaching Assistant

Programs Staff: NYSAIEP Law Enforcement Liaison Lt. Lisa Zurek, Sgt. Deborah Harris, Officer Roy Laughinghouse.

Programs Offered: Oriskany Alternative High School

Program Highlights: “The mission of the Oriskany Central School District is to prepare students to excel in an ever – changing world. We are committed to our tradition of personal attention, positive relationships, and a productive climate for learning.” The foundation of our program is built on professionalism. This program integrates curriculum drawing from technology, literature, audio – visual, mathematics, ELA & economics to earn a High School Equivalency Diploma and to be gainfully employed.

Once achievement levels are determined, instruction is differentiated to accommodate individual academic needs while focusing on high frequency TASC standards. Lessons are designed in a format for the teacher to instruct the concept, the class to practice the concept together, and finally students practice concepts independently and at their personal instructional level. Differentiated instruction enables teachers to integrate curriculum with practical application. 21st century skills enhance instruction on a daily basis. A variety of graphic organizers are used to break down the concepts for students to fully understand. Technology is used to engage students in their learning. Videos from Discovery Education are used to bring in real life examples of the curriculum. I-pads are used to improve individual academic skills and computer applications are implemented for students to rehearse concepts taught.



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Oriskany Central School District has implemented the Alternative High School Education Program at Oneida County Correctional Facility (OCCF) since 2014. “The mission of the Oriskany Central School District is to prepare students to excel in an ever-changing world. We are committed to our tradition of personal attention, positive relationships, and a productive climate for learning.”

The basis of our curriculum is built on professionalism. This program integrates curriculum drawing from technology, literature, audio-visual, mathematics, English Language Arts (ELA) & economics to earn a High School Equivalency Diploma and to be gainfully employed. Students complete a career project that integrates vocabulary and job readiness. They research a career of their choice and prepare job application, resume & ultimately participate in mock interviews. The Social Studies and ELA curriculum are integrated through literature units. Titles such as The Traveler’s Gift, Freedom Writers, Call of the Wild, and The Outsiders are examples of literature studied in the program. Explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies are integrated into every literature unit. Students’ complete project based learning units relevant to the history presented in the literature while integrating skills to interpret data and statistics, read maps and analyze relationships between materials.

Solving equations, linear functions, and quadratic functions are the major topics presented in the mathematics curriculum. While, ecosystems the structure and function of life, and heredity and evolution are the primary focus in science curriculum. Incorporated into both curriculums is the use of educational videos and pictures to provide a “real” world relation to how each concept might be used.

To accommodate each student’s diverse learning style, differentiated instruction is used to provide focus on the high frequency TASC learning standards. Instruction is presented in a way such that each student begins the lesson as a whole class, then practices the skills of each lesson in small groups, and finally works individually at their grade level on that specific skill. The use of graphic organizers, Discovery Education videos, financial literacy computer application software, and Storyboard are a few 21st century applications used in the OCCF classroom.

Enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year has been 89 students. The program schedule accommodates two groups that meet for three hours daily, minors (ages 16 – 17) and adults (ages 18 – 21). As of today there have been seventy one students in the adult group and eighteen in the minor group. The average amount of time each adult was in the OCCF classroom was seven hours and thirty - seven minutes while; the average minor was in the classroom for



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seven hours and fifty - six minutes. Ample personal attention is provided with a student teacher ratio typically 5:2:1. Thus far, 13 students have taken the TASC exam to receive their High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma. To date, 77% students have accomplished their HSE diploma. The success rate for each section of the exam so far is: Science and Social Studies 100%, Mathematics 90%, Reading 89%, and Writing 80%.

Number of Inmates facility houses: 638

TASC Offered: Once during this quarter, four participated in the test

There was a 100% pass rate for Social Studies and Science, 75% pass rate for reading, mathematics, and writing. Enrolled: 123, Special Ed: 42, TASC Test: 17 took the test, 5 passed, 4 failed.

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BOCES/District Affiliate: Madison-Oneida BOCES

Madison County Public Safety Building

Madison County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Allen Riley

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Wampsville, NY 13163

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Sheriff Allen Riley– NYSIAEP Sheriff's Liaison

Lead Teacher: Ellen Beebe

Other Staff/Titles: Craig Tuttle, Correctional Services Coordinator, Lt. Jeff Franceschelli,
Programs Officer

Programs Offered: Incarcerated Youth, Adult Basic Education, High

School Equivalency, Life Skills, Alcoholics Anonymous, Religious Services/ Bible Study, Facility
Work Program, General Library, Veterans Justice Outreach, Barbershop Service and Transition.

Program Highlights: Collaborating with Working Solutions, On Point for College and Mohawk
Valley Community College to assist inmates after release. Life Skills Class instructed by Madison
County Department of Mental Health.

Guest Speakers: Working Solutions, Mohawk Valley Community College, On Point for College and
Mohawk Valley Perinatal Network.

Number of Inmates facility houses: 125

TASC Offered: yes, 10 this year

TASC Pass Rate: 100%

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BOCES/District Affiliate: Madison Oneida BOCES/LEAP/ATI

Oneida County Correctional Facility

Oneida County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Robert M. Maciol

6075 Judd Road

Oriskany, NY 13424

Lead Teacher: Robert Reid

Programs Offered: Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency (TASC)

Program Highlights: 10 former inmates have continued their education at the Madison Oneida BOCES ACCESS Sites.

TASC Offered: Yes, 5 this year TASC Pass Rate: 3 out of 5 (60%)

(2 students passed 4 of 5 sections)

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Other Programs Offered:

LEAP: Kris Kipers, Project Facilitator: The Linking to Employment Activities, Pre-Release Program, or LEAP, is one of twenty pilot projects being funded by the United States Department of Labor. LEAP programs are being tasked with creating an American Job Center, or AJC (what many known locally as Working Solutions or One-Stops) within correctional facilities across the country. The program's primary objective is to provide a *direct, seamless transition* from the in-facility AJC to the community AJC. Participants utilize laptops within the workshops to be ready for jobs which require more than a basic understanding of computers. Using the laptops and thereby increasing their technological literacy will also make them more marketable during their post-release employment search.

Participants will leave the facility with realistic goals for their futures, improved work readiness skills and abilities, improved computer skills, an Individual Development Plan (IDP), referrals to any support services that are needed, and a LEAP counselor (who they have already met in-facility) to meet with at the community AJC. These *links* between the AJCs will help to provide



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participants with tools to find success in the workforce, and in the community, post-release. To date we have had a wide range of outcomes by those in the program. Many are receiving services case management support, housing, job search assistance at the community Job Center, and/or are currently seeking treatment for drug and/or alcohol abuse. And we have seen participants obtain jobs working as a cook, a vet tech, construction worker(s), among others. Still others are interested in completing and/or continuing their education. We maintain contact with our participants via text, email, phone calls, and face to face meetings either at the Utica Working Solutions center (a LEAP staffer is there 3 days a week), or the Rome office, should participants not have transportation to Utica. LEAP has also made contact with the Herkimer County One-Stop for those who live closer to that location, and they have been extremely helpful and willing to assist any participants that go there. LEAP will also be creating a Facebook page that participants can follow, so they see job postings, other job searching assistance and advice, and maintain contact with LEAP staff. We hope to have that up and running in a few weeks.

ATI: Alternatives to Incarceration (Formally Second Start):

Chad Bogar ATI Project Director

Alternatives to Incarceration is an 18-month project funded by the National Institute of Corrections, administered by the Workforce Investment Board and housed at the Oneida County Correctional facility. The ATI program is a milestone based grant that offers offenders that are ages 18-25 years old workshop sessions in **Thinking for Change** (NIC) and **Ready Set Work** (DCJS) Curriculum. The classes are designed to help prepare offenders by changing their mindsets through cognitive behavior and providing employment skills in both the jail facility and the community. Upon completion of classes, offenders will receive a completion certificate. The ATI program will also obtain needed documents for employment and provide follow up services to offer support and links to further education and to assist with employment retention. The ATI staff can assist recent released offenders with job readiness skills, resume, interviewing skills, birth certificate, social security card, and government identification.

Second Chance Summary:

The Workforce Investment Board's Second Chance program is designed for women who are ready to make a change in their lives. It is open to, ex-offenders over the age of 18, who have been released within 180 days, and living in the Oneida, Herkimer, & Madison Counties. Second Chance's motto "From "ex-offender" to "returning citizen" That's Our Mission."



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Career Tech: Sarah Macintosh Program Facilitator: Comprehensive jail-to-jobs program, providing supports; counseling, employment, training etc. The Second Chance team is dedicated to helping ex-offenders overcome challenges, find a job, and achieve success.

Enrollment: 84, Employment: 46, pursuing education: 31, Parenting Class: served 21- graduated 13, returned – 35.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has awarded funding for a three year grant, under the Second Chance Act to Oneida County Workforce Development, in partnership with the Oneida County Sheriff's Department and Mohawk Valley Community College.

The college will instruct a technology career training program to incarcerated eligible individuals, moderate to high risk, ages 18-24 years old, serving within a 6-18 month period prior to release. The program's overall goal is to provide services and programs to help facilitate the successful reintegration as the youth return to their communities to help ensure a smooth transition and to promote public safety.

This program supports the education, training, mentoring, support services, and job placement for incarcerated in a technology field. The program's objective is to increase the post-release employability of the incarcerated youth in related technology-based jobs and career fields upon release.

Expected outcomes; 300 youth will enroll, train, and obtain a completion certificate in basic entry level machinist technology program. 250 work ready ex-offenders will become employed within three months upon release, 210 will retain employment for 90 days, and 25 will return to college to continue their education.

Oneida County Workforce Development Project Director will oversee the programs daily tasks and coordinate services utilizing the existing programs within the jail, such as BEAM- (Bridges to Employment and Academic Marketplace) and ATI- (Alternative to Incarceration), as well as community agencies and facilities including the Department of Labor Working Solutions office.

A pipeline channel will provide youth exiting from jail with a technology completion certificate an opportunity to connect to local employers that are willing to hire as well as a continuation to further a technology degree.



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A win- win situation will be created for all involved in this grant as the youth will also have the opportunity to enroll in an Out of School Youth WIOA Program (Workforce Innovative Opportunity Act); to provide vocational and incentive funding upon completion of training, obtaining, and maintaining employment.

- Horticulture
- Community Clean Up
- AA
- Wags to Riches, dog adoption program.

Number of Inmates facility houses: 638



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Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES:

Fulton County Correctional Facility

Fulton County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Richard C. Giardino

2712 State Highway 29

Johnstown, NY 12095-2499

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Staff/titles: Lisa Malagisi – Educator

Lynn Trudeau – Educator/School Social Worker

Programs Offered: Skill Development, TASC Prep, Computers, Life Skills, Workforce Readiness, Computer Literacy, Health Literacy & Financial Literacy.

Program Highlights:

Staff and students at FCCF have experienced a very successful year. We had a high rate of success on the TASC exam (100%), as well as one high school graduate. Social worker, Lynn Trudeau, was able to advocate for several inmates for parole board hearings and post release programs like drug court. We have continued our partnership with community based programs such as Planned Parenthood, to provide support for inmates.

The education program at Montgomery County Correctional Facility is operated by Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES. The educational staff provides classroom based education. Students enrolled in teacher-led programming can also access computerized academic remediation programs through Aztec software.

Number of Inmates facility houses: 106

TASC Offered: Yes **TASC Pass Rate: 80%+**

TASC was given to 7 students in 15-16 with a 100% pass rate.

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Montgomery County Correctional Facility

Montgomery County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Michael Amato

P.O. Box 432

200 Clark Drive

Fultonville, NY 12072-0432

Lynn Trudeau – Educator/School Social Worker

Other Staff/titles: Sheldon Novotny – Educator

Programs Offered: Skill Development, TASC Prep, Computers, Life Skills, Workforce Readiness, Computer Literacy, Health Literacy & Financial Literacy.

Program Highlights:

Staff and students have had a successful year at MCCF. Educator Sheldon Novotny is responsible for academic programming. Social Worker Lynn Trudeau is responsible for Specialty classes, including computer programming. Community partnerships with agencies such as Planned Parenthood provide additional learning opportunities to inmate students.

The education program at Montgomery County Correctional Facility is operated by Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES. The educational staff provides classroom based education. Students enrolled in teacher-led programming can also access computerized academic remediation programs through Aztec software.

Number of Inmates facility houses: 167

TASC Offered: Yes TASC Pass Rate: 80%+

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BOCES/District Affiliate: Herkimer BOCES

Herkimer County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Christopher Farber

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Herkimer, NY 13350-2922

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Lead Teacher: Jessica Murphy-Armstrong

Programs Offered: ABE and TASC prep

Number of Inmates facility houses: 32

TASC Offered: TASC prep. Students must follow up and test upon release from jail.

TASC Pass Rate: N/A since no one tests at the jail.

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