



NYSAIEP REGION 9: REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE-

ROBERT F. DEMBIA

WESTCHESTER, NASSAU, SUFFOLK, & ORANGE

2015 School Year

**BOCES/District Affiliate: East Meadow Schools**

**Nassau County Correctional Center**

**Nassau County Sheriff's Department**

**Sheriff Michael J. Sposato**

100 Carmen Avenue

East Meadow, NY 11554

Telephone: (516) 572-4100

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**Lead Teacher:** John Marciante

Other Staff/titles:

Educational Director – Joan Rochford

Sue Kristensen – Transitional Counselor

Ken Murphy – TASC Teacher

Joe Harclerode – TASC Teacher

Jon Plaksin – TASC Teacher/Cell Study

Bob Rhodes – TASC Teacher

Holly Draudt – TASC Teacher/Life Skills

Rich Hess – Computer Skills Teacher

Moses Caban – ESL/Call Study

Kathleen Morgan-Fezza - TASC Teacher

**Programs Offered:** Life Skills, ESL, Computer Skills, Transitional Counseling, Cell Study, Night School

Number of Inmates facility houses: 1300

TASC Offered: YES

TASC Pass Rate: 85%

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**BOCES/District Affiliate: Eastern Suffolk BOCES /Riverhead Central School District**

**Suffolk County Corrections: Riverhead and Yaphank Jails**

**Suffolk County Sheriff's Department**

**Sheriff Vincent DeMarco**

100 Center Drive

Riverhead, NY 11901-3389

Telephone: (631) 852-2200

Fax: (631) 852-1898

**Administrative Coordinator for Incarcerated Education Programs: Robert F. Dembia  
NYS AIEP Region 9 Representative.**

Day Reporting Center Alternative High School

Juvenile Day Reporting Center (JDRC)

Pal-O-Mine Alternative to Incarceration (Day Reporting Center (DRC))

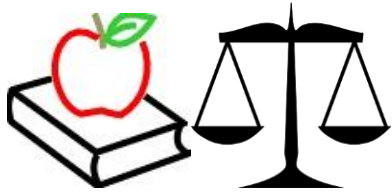
Divisional Administrator for Career, Technical and Adult Education: Barbara Egloff

Program Administrator for Adult Education and Adult Literacy: Donna Singer

**Lead Teacher:** Donald Denning III

**Educational Staff:**

- 4 Full Time Academic Teachers
- 1 Full Time ESL Teacher
- 1 Social Worker
- 1 Full Time Guidance Counselor
- 3 Full Time Teacher Assistants
- 1 Full Time Special Education Teacher (also at DRC site)
- 1 Full Time Transition Counselor
- 1 Part Time Carpentry Instructor
- 2 Part Time Career and Technical Teachers  
(Business Education Horticulture)
- 4 Part Time Adult Literacy Instructors
- 3 Part Time Academic Teachers (at JDRC)
- 1 Full Time CTE Teacher (Small Engines)
- 2 Full Time Clerical



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### Programs and Highlights:

**Core Academics:** Academics are offered to all eligible students. Academics are also with ESL and Special Education Services.

**CTE Infusion:** We have further developed our Career and Technical Education programs this year including Business Education Horticulture, Carpentry, and Small Engine and have been working with students to address career readiness, including development of student specific transition plans. Also, to build academic and real-life skills related to money, banking, and business skills. The program is being adapted to meet the needs of English language learners (ELLs).

**Youth Tier:** The Sheriff's Department has developed a program which is a combination of direct supervision and boot camp for a select group of incarcerated youth. This program shows promise for moving towards mandated attendance for youth. A committee has also been formed to address transition issues as Youth Tier members are released.

**Herstory** is a writers' workshop program that we have provided for female students in the Suffolk County Correctional facilities for the past six years. *Herstory* is a program that provides opportunities for guided memoir writing and is a way to empower women to turn their stories of incarceration into works of art. *Herstory* combines writing instruction which not only results in the creation of personal memoirs, but in a way for these women to begin the healing and reflective process necessary for rehabilitation.

**Dine and Discuss:** In collaboration with the Sheriff, Eastern Suffolk BOCES has developed a forum for some of the parents of inmates to sit and discuss issues and work towards developing strategies to support inmates upon release. The meetings take place once a month and a light dinner is served by Eastern Suffolk BOCES Culinary students. Guest speakers are also brought in from community based organizations that help support ex-offenders

**Eastern Suffolk BOCES Day Reporting Center Alternative High School.** The Day Reporting Center (DRC) is located in Islandia, NY and Eastern Suffolk BOCES is partnering with the Pal-O-Mine Equine Therapy Ranch. The concept of DRC is that participants are assigned by the Court to report to this facility where they will receive specialized, individual educational programming and services.

**Juvenile Day Reporting Center at the Suffolk County Farm, Yaphank:** A Suffolk County Grant Program serving up to 18 students, ages 13-17, placed by the Courts under the supervision of Suffolk County Probation. The program is a partnership run by the Eastern Suffolk BOCES.



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**Sheriff's Task Force:** The Task Force is a collection of area agencies and organizations that have pooled their resources and services for the purpose of achieving one goal...alternatives to incarceration. Services include: education, vocational, transition, in/out –patient, and career readiness.

**Education Sub-Committee:** The Sub-Committee is staffed by members of the Task Force and its focus is to address the academic needs of the Youth Tier. It is also responsible for the Dine & Discuss Dinner Series, a monthly meeting where the families of Youth Tier inmates come together for support, question/answer, and share information. The meetings are also attended by the Sub-Committee and members of the Sheriff's Dept. Outside speakers are also invited to present and offer their services to the families.

**Re-ROUT/Transition:** Recently Released Offenders under Training aims to help ex-offenders to help themselves. Our services offer direction-to change, alter and improve upon previously difficult circumstances. It assists them with the difficult task of re-entry and transition back into society. Some of the services offered include; Job-seeking skills; Career preparation and readiness; Counseling; Adult secondary education /TASC, and planning for the future.

Number of Inmates facility houses: 1,250

**TASC Offered: Yes**                      **TASC Pass Rate: 81%**

*Robert F. Dembia*

*Administrative Coordinator*

*Incarcerated Education Programs/Re-ROUT Office*

*Eastern Suffolk BOCES*

*Bixhorn Technical Center (BTC)*

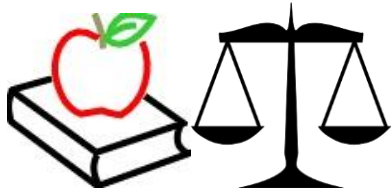
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**BOCES/District Affiliate: Orange-Ulster BOCES**

**Orange County Jail**

**Orange County Sheriff's Department**

**Sheriff Carl DuBois**

110 Wells Farm Road

Goshen, NY 10924

Telephone: (845) 291-2728

Fax: (845) 294-1590

**Lead Teacher: Dianna Fox- NYS AIEP Education Representative**

Other Staff/titles:

**Sgt. Earle Smith-Programs Coordinator/Night Supervisor**

Officer David D. Colon-Programs Officer

James DelViscio, Ph.D.-Director of Adult Education

Lori Yakawiak-Literacy Coordinator

Steven Costanzo-Guidance Counselor

Dianna Fox-Team Leader/Special Education Teacher

Heather Heidelberg- Science/ELA HSED Teacher

Elizabeth MacEwan-Math/ELA HSED Teacher

Alicia Merenda-Case Manager

Matthew Moran-Social Studies/ELA HSED Teacher

Thomas Stanford- Adult HSED Teacher

Briana Walsh-ESL Teacher

Joann Wares-Secretary

Jinyu Yang- Adult HSED Teacher

Danielle Vernooy- Cooperating Special Education Teacher

Beverly Moskowitz- OCJ Offender Services Counselor

Lilia Squadroni-Substance Abuse Education Instructor

Thomas Genovese-Customer Service/Baking Instructor



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**Programs Offered:**

ABE/Tasc-Special Education-Self Contained & Co-Taught Minors, ESL beginner, intermediate and advanced, ART, Orientation/ Intake, Office Procedures, Coding, Study Skills, Baking, Foundations, Drug Education, Transition Program, Case Management, College Preparation, Vocation Class, Custodial Trades and Creative Writing.

**Program Highlights:**

Implemented a new vocational program for current trustees. A creative writing course will supplement the HSED program and enhance our student's writing skills. With these additional classes, more academic time is provided for those who need to strengthen their skills to take and pass the TASC.

VESID representatives visited our program and will continue to provide ongoing transitional service support. Our own transition program is successfully creating pipelines to employment and post-secondary options for those students who leave the facility.

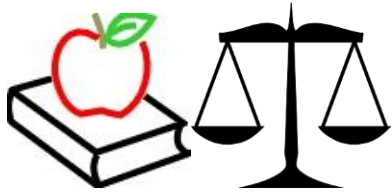
We are strategically modifying our technology curriculum to include coding.

Number of Inmates facility houses: 770

TASC Offered: 5      this school year      TASC Pass Rate: 100%

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110 Wells Farm Road  
Goshen, NY 10924



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**BOCES/District Affiliate: Southern Westchester BOCES**

**Westchester County Correctional Facility**

**Sheriff George Longworth**

10 Woods Rd  
Valhalla, NY 10595

**Principal:** Dr. Stephen M. Bicchieri

Other Staff/titles: Joe Perez, English Teacher, Team Leader; Nick Perna, Social Studies Teacher, Team Leader; Carlos Cruz, Social Worker; Keith Mattos, Science Teacher; John Nelson, Science Teacher; Joan Edwards, English Teacher; Thelma Dean, Title I Teacher; Michele Insalaco, Social Worker; Kevin McAllister, School Counselor; Joan Smyth, Administrative Assistant; Kathy Reynolds, Community Worker

**Programs Offered:** High School; High School Equivalency

Number of Inmates facility houses: 1200

TASC Offered: Yes                      TASC Pass Rate: Unavailable

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