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STATE DIRECTOR'S MEMORANDUM #2016-2

TO: All Probation Directors/Commissioners

FROM: Robert M. Maccarone, Deputy Commissioner and

Director, Probation and Correctional Alternatives

DATE: March 8, 2016

SUBJECT: 2013-14 Probationer Employment Report

I am pleased to advise you of the 2013-14 Probationer Employment Report for New York State. A total of 47.97% of probationers listed on the Integrated Probation Registrant System (IPRS) were employed on December 31, 2014, compared with 47.41% of probationers on December 31, 2013. Of the probationers determined by departments to be "employable", 75.15% were employed on December 31, 2014, compared with 72.46% of probationers on December 31, 2013. With the development and submission of the Annual Probation Plan by departments during the next several months, OPCA will update and return the probationer employment data to departments.

Since 2003, OPCA has shared a collaborative relationship with our partners at the NYS Department of Labor (DOL). The DOL has been a strong partner in delivering our nine (9) annual NIC Offender Workforce Development Specialists (OWDS) trainings. To date, more than 200 probation, ATI, DOCCS, and Re-entry community correction professionals have been trained and certified in the 180-hour OWDS curriculum and fully prepared to deliver the *Ready*, *Set, Work!* curriculum to participant groups. During 2014, nearly 140 *RSW! Groups* were conducted, and nearly 50% of the graduates succeeded in obtaining gainful employment within 90 days of completing the program.

In addition, the DOL has been a partner in training its staff located in more than 90 Career Centers in the NIC Offender Employments Specialists Curriculum to better serve individuals with criminal justice involvement. This is part of the Governor's successful **Work for Success Program.**

I also want to take this opportunity to advise Probation Directors of the resources that are available through the DOL website. The website includes information about worker's rights, job vacancy announcements, scheduled career fairs, labor market analysis, and the location and contact information for the career centers throughout New York State. Probationers should be directed to the website as another important resource to aid them in their employment search efforts. There are tools available on the website than can be individualized to those in search of employment to assist with job search development and provide alerts that can match the

experience of job seekers. Please visit the NYS Department of Labor website at http://www.labor.ny.gov/home/ and provide this information to probation officers.

The following link, http://www.labor.ny.gov/stats/reos.asp depicts an example of the worthwhile information found on this website. By following this link, you can access information about current employment trends including jobs in demand in New York State.

Thank you for your continued support of the NIC OWDS **RSW!** Program and your commitment to assist individuals succeed in obtaining and retaining employment. Please feel free to contact Community Correction Representative Frank Cangiano at Frank.Cangiano@dcjs.ny.gov with any questions.

