

Tioga County Probation Summary for 2021 Annual Report

- Works with Tioga County Court and 15 separate Town or Village Justice Courts
- 90% of Probation Budget covered by Tioga County taxpayers
- Services for both juveniles and adults
- **Juvenile Services**
 1. Juvenile Delinquency Intake Services
 2. Alternative to Detention Services
 - Decision Points
 - Intensive Supervision
 - Electronic Monitoring
 3. Pre-Dispositional Investigations
 4. Intra/interstate Transfers
 5. Probation Supervision
- **Adult Services**
 1. Alternative to Incarceration Programs
 - Pre-Trial Release
 - Community Service
 - Electronic Monitoring
 2. Pre-Plea/Pre-Sentence Investigations
 3. Probation Supervision
- **Staffing changes in 2021**
 1. Brian Cain appointed Director
 2. Chad Post promoted to Supervisor
 3. Fred Kiechle promoted to Sr. Probation Officer

4. Retirements; Sr. PO Bill Jones and PO Maryanne Malec
5. New hire; Probation Officer Jean-Rene Regis, Part-time Supervisor Joy Bennett

- **New at Probation in 2021**

1. Focus on Probation presence in community
2. Satellite office established in Waverly within the Waverly Police Station
3. Collaborative effort with Tioga County School Districts, the Department of Social Services, and the District Attorney's Office to address the issue of truancy in Tioga County schools.
4. Floyd Hooker Foundation Grant
5. Phone based electronic monitoring app
6. Bring Department current with Records Retention Schedule (destruction of old files)
7. Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act
8. Initial steps to partially arm Probation Officers
9. Initial discussions to form collaborative effort with Veteran's Affairs to provide transportation to veterans who reside in Tioga County and become mentors for active duty members transitioning to civilian life

- **Goals for 2022**

1. Continued engagement of schools and other community organizations in a collaborative effort to focus on prevention and create a more proactive approach prior to the arrest of both juvenile and adult offenders.
2. Complete the destruction of hundreds of old probation files which meet the requirements of the Records Retention Schedule for destruction.
3. Submit a comprehensive plan to the Legislature for partially arming the Probation Department by 2024.

4. Cross Train all Probation Staff regarding the increasing specialization of Probation Caseloads. Given continually increasing requirements regarding certain criminal offenses, all Probation Staff will receive the necessary training to meet said requirements on any given case. In addition, all Probation Officers will complete the state mandated yearly requirement of twenty-one hours of training during 2022.
5. Develop an interagency preventive module to present to schools as an alternative to suspension in an effort to prevent adolescents from entering the Juvenile Justice System.
6. Collaborate with Veteran's Affairs to provide transportation to veterans who reside in Tioga County. All Probation Officers will also receive training to become mentors for military members transitioning from military to civilian life.
7. Secure reliable arrangements with detention facilities to temporarily house Juvenile Delinquents when necessary
8. Fully staff the Probation Department by onboarding three newly hired Probation Officers

Anecdotal Information

Probation established a satellite office housed in the Waverly Police Department to provide easier access to residents of western Tioga County.

Probation worked with Tioga County schools, the Department of Social Services, and District Attorney's Office to establish protocols to address the issue of truancy in Tioga County schools.

The April 2, 2021, signing into law of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act challenged many long standing beliefs people had regarding marijuana use. The law legalized the recreational sale and use of marijuana in New York.

Probation applied for and was awarded a mini-grant from the Floyd Hooker Foundation to provide wrap around funds to address financial needs identified in the lives of juveniles who become involved with Probation. The funding is used to provide opportunities for the youth which otherwise would not be availed to them.

To improve officer safety, Probation has initiated the process of completing a comprehensive proposal for presentation to the Public Safety Committee to partially arm the Probation Department.

Success story:

In December of 2020, a young man was sentenced to three years of Probation Supervision for his conviction of Misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated. Prior to being sentenced, the Probationer completed one year of Interim Probation and Drug Treatment Court. At the time of his arrest, the Probationer was unemployed and not motivated to change his lifestyle. Throughout, Interim Probation in 2020 and Probation Supervision in 2021, the Probation Officer was able to help the Probationer change his attitude and therefore his position in life. The Probationer is now employed full time, bought a new SUV, is engaged to be married, and has been sober for two years.