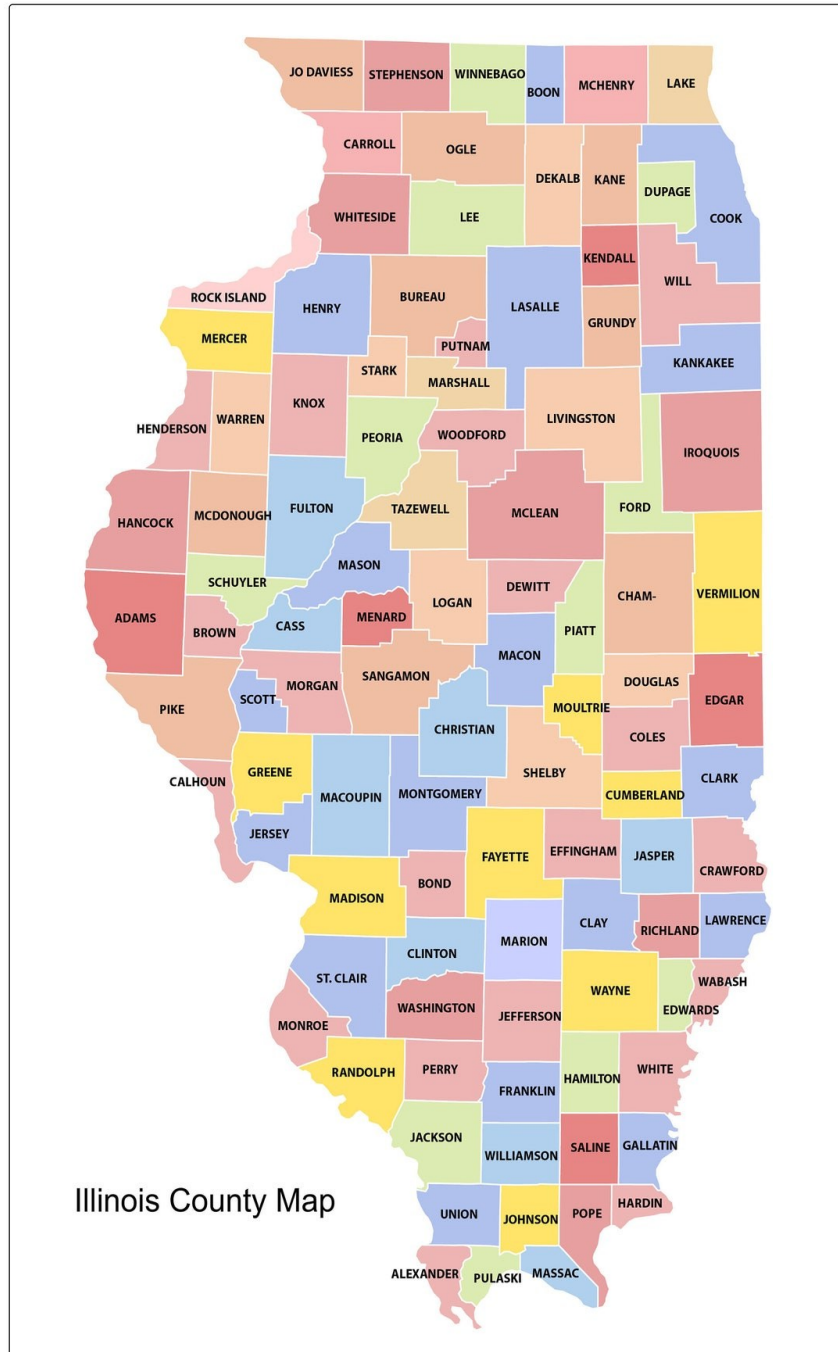




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Carla Stalnaker IPCSA President

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2027 Leadership Symposium
June 29-30, 2027
Bloomington, IL

2026 IPCSA Fall Conference



**Hosted by DuPage
County in Itasca, IL**

October 28-30, 2026

Keynote Speaker:
Amanda Carrasco
 (See page 30)



Registration Coming in August!

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Well, we've officially reached the halfway point of 2026, and what a year it has been! This year is shaping up to be an exciting one for IPCSA and for the field of probation and court services. Looking back over the past six months, I'm incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together—and even more excited about what's ahead.

On a semi-personal note, January brought an unforgettable opportunity when I traveled to Ireland with the Juvenile Justice Initiative. This trip was meaningful for so many reasons. It was my first time traveling outside of the United States, I had the opportunity to meet judges, legislators, youth advocates, and other professionals who are passionate about improving outcomes for youth, and I experienced firsthand what a modern restorative justice system can achieve. Ireland's youth justice system has been remarkably successful, and the positive impact is now being seen throughout its emerging adult and adult justice systems as well. The best part? The Director of

Ireland's Youth Justice Agency will be presenting at the IPCSA Fall Conference to share how their system was developed and what lessons we can apply here. If you work with young people in any capacity, I highly encourage you to attend these sessions.

April brought another outstanding Spring Conference, hosted by Lake County. Between the exceptional presenters, valuable networking opportunities, outstanding vendors, great food, fun social events, and some pretty impressive raffle prizes, it was a fantastic event from start to finish. Margaret and the entire Lake County team absolutely knocked it out of the park. They have set the bar high for DuPage County this fall. Thank you to everyone who helped make the conference such a success, you all are rock stars!

The spring months also kept Mark Jarmer and I (Legislative co-chairs) extremely busy. Together, we tackled several priorities from the Board's to-do list. We began working with Dave Olson from Loyola University to develop an IPCSA fact sheet, made multiple trips to Springfield to meet with legislators, testified on budget proposals and the salary subsidy bill, and continued strengthening relationships with policymakers. These efforts have positioned IPCSA as a respected voice with the ability to make a meaningful impact on our profession. We're committed to building on that momentum throughout the rest of the year as our unofficial "Summer of Love" tour through Springfield continues.

May was another productive month for IPCSA legislatively. Mark and I met with the stakeholders behind SB4428, the pretrial notification bill, to discuss modifications that would help probation departments with pretrial divisions comply with the legislation. The meeting couldn't have gone much better. Our proposed changes were accepted, including allowing written notification; clarifying that departments would not be held responsible when client contact information is unavailable; and securing OSPS's commitment to assist departments with funding needed for compliance. This was a tremendous victory for IPCSA and the profession. The bill was moving quickly through the General Assembly, and without our involvement, it likely would have become law without these important improvements. Instead, the legislation passed both chambers unanimously with our recommended changes included.

Also in May, our President-Elect, Seth Krause, made his first Springfield visit as he prepares for his upcoming presidency. Seth, Mark and I met with several legislators to advocate for including the salary subsidy bill in the BIMP legislation. While we didn't achieve that particular goal, we continued making significant progress in strengthening IPCSA's relationships with members of the General Assembly. The trip also created opportunities to connect with organizations that share similar goals, including the Illinois Prison Reform Association. After a productive conversation, Seth somehow found himself serving as the group's photographer while Carla—with permission, of course—managed to photobomb their group picture. Somewhere in Illinois, there's probably a framed photo hanging on someone's office wall that requires a regular explanation: "No...we don't actually know the woman in the front!" Some traditions just happen naturally.

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June concluded our busy spring with the Fourth Annual Leadership Symposium, which welcomed a record-setting attendance of more than 150 participants. For the first time, we also featured Gold Star vendors, and both attendees and vendors shared overwhelmingly positive feedback—especially about the interactive vendor game our Executive Assistant (Cheryl Meyers) created. Our presenters were nothing short of phenomenal. Chip Huth from the Arbinger Institute captivated everyone with his stories, leadership insights, and outstanding sense of humor. Becky Self once again provided practical strategies for applying an Outward Mindset to our everyday work. Thanks to the Association, every attendee also received a copy of *The Outward Mindset*. I highly encourage everyone to read it. There won't be a quiz in 90 days...but if there were, you'd be glad you read it! We're excited about the possibility of partnering with Chip and the Arbinger Institute again in the future, so stay tuned.

One of my favorite moments from the symposium was recognizing Becky Self as an honorary affiliate member of IPCSA in appreciation of everything she has done for our Association and our profession. I may have jokingly welcomed her by chanting, "One of us! One of us!" I suspect she's looking forward to Seth becoming President...just kidding. She tells me she likes me, too!

As I reflect on everything we've accomplished, I couldn't be prouder of IPCSA's leadership. During my time on the Executive Board, I've witnessed this leadership continue to raise the bar for our members and our profession. We've delivered exceptional training through conferences, roll calls, regional pop-up events, and leadership programs while bringing nationally and internationally recognized speakers to Illinois, including Dr. Alex Walker, Marcus Hodges, Charles Robinson, Dr. Earl Suttle, Allen Kehler, Joe Arvidson, and Chip Huth. Their expertise has challenged us to grow as leaders and professionals, and the impact of those experiences will continue for years to come.

Just as importantly, I'm incredibly proud of our membership. You've probably heard us say that an association is only as strong as its members, and this year we've reached an incredible milestone: **for the first time in IPCSA's history, every county / judicial circuit in Illinois is represented in our membership.** That achievement matters. It strengthens our voice when advocating for legislation, collaborating with partner organizations, and representing the profession across the state. More importantly, it reflects the quality of the people who make up this Association. At every IPCSA event, I'm reminded that we have dedicated professionals who have devoted their careers to serving our communities, alongside a new generation of emerging leaders eager to move our profession forward. That combination gives me tremendous confidence that IPCSA will remain a positive, influential force in probation and court services for decades to come. Thank you for your dedication, your professionalism, and your commitment to making a difference every day.

Before I wrap up, I'd like to give a special shout-out to Courtney Schweickhardt, CMO in Monroe County. Courtney—and a few others—know exactly why.

I can't wait to see everyone at the Fall Conference. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer, keep up the outstanding work, and thank you for everything you do to make IPCSA stronger every day.

Carla Stalnaker,

*The most dangerous phrase in the criminal justice system is,
"We've always done it this way."*

CAPITOL REPORT



Mark Jarmer
IPCSA Director of Governmental Relations

Greetings! My name is Mark Jarmer, and I am your legislative liaison to the Illinois General Assembly. Thank you for allowing me a couple moments of your important time.

As always, let's begin with a brief joke, at my expense. Have you ever seen *Pirates of the Caribbean*, with Johnny Depp as Cpt Jack Sparrow? Well, I've just watched it with my 13 year old - and this has put me in mind of a good joke.

Q: What's the difference between a lobbyist and a pirate? A: One is a ruthless, gold-hungry opportunist who robs people blind while using a complex code of conduct to justify it... and the other wears a tricorn hat.

I hope you liked that one.

Well, we have now concluded the traditional end-of-session crunch - and the May 31 spring adjournment deadline has now come and gone. And, despite some rocky negotiations, the General Assembly did manage to hammer out the final details of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget (which runs from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027).

So, allow me to begin the heart of my discussion by supplying you with a brief orientation road map. First, we'll discuss the Illinois budget generally. Next, we'll visit briefly about the specific impact of the FY27 budget on the services provided by IPCSA members. We'll then discuss substantive legislation that advanced thru the GA, before concluding our discussion with a forecasting of our work this summer, wherein we will continue our Summer of Love Tour with various legislators.

But first, let's discuss the Illinois budget for FY27, generally. The landscape this year was highly tactical, defined by an extremely tight revenue environment, pushback over proposed cuts, and structural shifts in corporate tax rules.

1. The Baseline: A Zero-Growth Frame.

Governor Pritzker's initial proposal in February laid out a \$56.0 billion General Funds budget (matching up against roughly \$56.1 billion in projected revenues). On paper, it looked like a modest \$878 million (1.6%) increase over FY2026, but because that sits below current inflation trends, it is functionally a flat or contractionary budget for many operations. In tandem with this understanding, please keep in mind that the federal push against Illinois by President Trump is establishing brutal fiscal pressure on Pritzker's administration, as they attempt to minimize the impact of these federal dollar adjustments.

To say this another way, the 2027 state fiscal budget is under duress because of the total impact of federal funding reductions hitting Illinois from President Trump's sweeping legislative package—referred to as the "One Big Beautiful Bill" (H.R. 1)—which is projected to cost the state of Illinois some \$8.4 billion dollars to backfill over a five-year period.

Looking past that immediate five-year window into the next decade, state fiscal analysts estimate the long-term reduction in federal funding to Illinois will reach a staggering minimum of \$26 billion.

Governor Pritzker's administration highlighted these numbers as a major driver of the state's tight fiscal position, as these reductions hit several major areas hard:

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Healthcare & Medicaid: The Illinois budget bill imposes stricter work requirements for adults ages 19–64, limits retroactive coverage, and restricts Medicaid eligibility for noncitizens. It also forces a 10% annual reduction on existing State Directed Payments (SDPs) to hospitals until they cap out at 100% of Medicare rates, which state officials project will slice \$3.4 billion from Illinois hospital funding over the next five years.

Nutrition Assistance (SNAP): The expansion of work requirements and elimination of benefits for certain humanitarian immigrants is projected to strip SNAP food assistance from roughly 360,000 Illinoisans. Additionally, the federal bill entirely cut funding for the SNAP-Ed nutrition program and shifted 25% more of the program's administrative overhead back to Springfield, costing the state an extra \$80 million annually, starting in late 2026.

Public Health Cuts: Separate from the broader budget bill, the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) directed a \$100 million immediate cut to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) grants specifically targeting Illinois. This claw-back has hit local public health departments, public health infrastructure, and HIV prevention/surveillance programs, triggering a joint multi-state lawsuit led by Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul to contest the funding block.

To cope with these incoming federal shifts, the Illinois General Assembly's recent budget included revenue-generating measures to blunt the immediate damage, alongside a temporary \$400 one-time payment intended to help cushion families losing their food benefits.

Returning from HR1 to our state budget, experts initially warned of a potential \$2.2 billion structural gap heading into this cycle. To address that, the administration leaned heavily on revenue adjustments and broad spending reductions. And it was precisely this position of the Governor to make cuts, that put him on a collision course w/ Democratic Progressives.

2. The End of Session Friction: Proposed Cuts vs. Progressive Revenue

As the May 31 deadline approached, a list of \$384 million in "non-exhaustive" proposed budget cuts circulated among lawmakers - sparking significant friction.

In other words, resistance to the Governor's budget took the form, in the final days of the legislative session, of animosity between the Governor and Democratic Progressives.

The Cuts on the Table: The administration's cost-containment strategy included tightening or pausing funds across several programs—such as zeroing out a \$118 million appropriation for safety-net hospitals, trimming homeless funding by \$11.4 million, halving a student loan relief program for community human service workers, and skipping a \$3.5 million pilot program for pretrial services.

In response to this position of cuts by the Governor, there was Legislative Pushback: From a bloc of progressive bicameral lawmakers - who worked to pass revenue-generating bills to salvage these programs. However, leadership and the Governor noted that these progressive revenue ideas didn't have the votes to clear both chambers before midnight on May 31st - and, in the end, these progressive ideas were swallowed up by the exigencies of the frantic nature of the end of session rush.

3. Structural Shifts and Revenue Adjustments

To close emerging gaps and absorb the incoming wave of federal funding cuts, the enacted FY2027 state budget relies on a targeted revenue package designed to raise between \$815 million and \$1.4 billion in new revenue.

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Rather than turning to broad-based personal income or sales tax increases, the General Assembly focused the major adjustments on corporate deductions, emerging digital markets, and tech industries.

Corporate Net Operating Loss (NOL) Cap (\$300 million): The state extended and tightened the cap on corporate net operating loss deductions. For tax year 2027, companies can only apply carryover losses up to 15% of net income or \$500,000 (whichever is greater), forcing corporations that recently lost money to pay higher state income taxes. This cap will slowly phase out, expanding to 30% in 2028 and hitting 80% by 2031.

Social Media Platform Fee (\$200 million): A new progressive monthly fee hits large social media companies based on their Illinois user bases. Platforms with 100,000 to 499,999 active in-state users pay \$0.10 per user per month, scaling up to a flat \$165,000 base fee plus \$0.50 per user per month for platforms exceeding 1 million Illinois users. These revenues are specifically earmarked to support K-12 education.

Digital Asset Exchange Tax (\$60 million): Effective January 1, 2027, a new 0.2% tax will be levied on the value of digital asset transactions, including the exchange, transfer, and custodial storage of cryptocurrency.

Targeted Digital Advertising Tax (Potential \$200M–\$800M): Lawmakers established a controversial 10% tax on the gross receipts of "targeted advertising services" for any provider pulling in over \$1 million from Illinois digital ads. Notably, the state budget does not rely on this money for balancing the books, as state officials fully anticipate immediate, protracted legal challenges. This state tax also explicitly preempts local municipalities from levying their own digital ad taxes.

Fantasy Sports & Remote Tobacco (\$9 million total): Online "fantasy contest" operators face a new 15% tax on their adjusted gross receipts (the "hold" or profit remaining after paying out cash prizes). Additionally, remote tobacco retailers must now collect state taxes on out-of-state shipments of cigars, pipe tobacco, and alternative nicotine products to Illinois residents.

Internal Reallocations & Fund Sweeps: To shore up the General Revenue Fund (GRF) for basic operational spending, the state is pulling on several internal funding shifts:

Road Fund Sales Tax Diversion (\$150 million): Once public transportation systems are certified as fully funded, the state will divert \$150 million in sales tax revenue generated from motor fuel out of the dedicated Road Fund and sweep it directly into the GRF.

Temporary Relief Measures & Rejected Changes: Gas Tax Freeze & Sales Tax Holiday: The budget pushes the scheduled 1.3-cent gas tax hike past the election to January 1, 2027. It also institutes a 10-day sales tax holiday from August 7–16, dropping the state sales tax on school supplies from 6.25% down to 1.25%.

LGDF Revenue Sharing Maintained: Local governments successfully fought off a proposal from the administration to lower their share of state income tax collections via the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) from 6.47% down to 6.23%. The final budget keeps the percentage flat at **6.47%**, allowing counties and municipalities to capture the organic growth of rising personal income taxes.

Despite the tight constraints, a few policy priorities saw targeted assistance -

Environmental/Capital Commitments: Heavy focus remains on matching federal infrastructure funds, including over \$1 billion earmarked for lead service line replacement loans and \$90 million for PFAS contaminant mitigation in small communities.

Education: Early childhood, the Evidence-Based Funding formula for K-12, and the Monetary Award Program (MAP) all saw nominal holding patterns or slight increases.

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But the bottom line is that this year's budget is an austere platform, in which many organizations saw programmatic reductions.

But what about IPCSA, specifically? If so many operational programs were reduced, did our budget take any kind of "hit"?

The answer is "no" - IPCSA is very fortunate, insofar as we are embedded within the Supreme Court's lump sum of over \$400m. In fact, we do not even have a line for our specific services. As a result, our budget is fully insulated from anything but a very aggressive reduction from the GA - which is, in fact, highly improbable. As such, our budget remains unaffected by this year's budget negotiations.

Having discussed the budget generally, as well as specific implications for IPCSA - let's turn now to the substantive legislation affecting IPCSA.

First, Lisa Aust has generated a list of all 395 bills receiving a constitutional majority vote - which may carry overt or covert implications for IPCSA members. I would encourage all of you to peruse that listing done by Lisa, to get a sense of the full breadth of substantive legislation that passed the GA which may affect your operations and procedures.

Second, the Office of IPCSA's Government Relations was thoroughly engaged with the GA this session, as we worked to mitigate the impacts of substantive bills on the association, as well as to advance IPCSA's sponsored Salary Subsidy legislation, SB 2865.

With regard to substantive legislation we worked to alter, I would point to several pieces of legislation:

SB 3545 Halpin, SB 2865 (Halpin), HB4091 Deluca, and HB 4428 (Cassidy).

SB 3545 (Halpin) constitutes a bill which initially required all probation jurisdictions to conduct fingerprinting, with approval from ISP. This bill is an example of a poorly written attempt to instigate a limited pilot project in Lake county, albeit vis-a-vis language which would have required all jurisdictions to do so. So, Carla, Tod, Lisa and I all worked with Mike Halpin to amend the bill in the Senate in order to clearly establish the permissive nature of this authority - and eliminate its prescriptive tone.

SB 2865 (Halpin) constitutes IPCDA's most recent attempt to elevate the GRF contribution to PO salary subsidy positions, by \$6m/year, compounding to \$30m annually, within 5 years.

Although IPCSA had filed the bill 3 times previously, we had never earned a hearing for this vital legislation. And so, it was with great pride that we advanced Salary Subsidy in SB 2865 in April in the Senate Capital and Infrastructure Appropriations committee, under Chairman Christopher Belt. Carla, Tod and I appeared and answered questions - to such resounding success that Chris Belt, a former probation officer, signed onto our bill as a Chief Co-Sponsor.

But the battle to advance the bill didn't end there. What remained was to get the bill called for final passage - but when that effort proved too difficult in an austere budget year, we altered tactics and moved to include the language of SB2865 in the Budget Implementation Bill - the substantive language bill that directs the Appropriations process. In other words, having failed with a front door approach, we maneuvered to gain access to budget thru a backdoor maneuver. To that end, Seth, Carla and I traveled again to Springfield in May, meeting with key Republican and Democratic members of the Infrastructure appropriations committee to garner support for BIMP inclusion.

Ultimately, this effort proved unsuccessful - as a salary subsidy infusion was not achieved in the BIMP.

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However, it is obvious that IPCSA can declare a victory over this issue this year, as we not only got a committee hearing of this important legislation, but also a coterie of alliances to help us this coming budget year (i.e., FY 28) as we continue this effort. So far along the way this year we formed alliances with the Illinois Supreme Court, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo), the United County Counties Association (UCCI), and Betsey Clark of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Initiative. And, again, this is to say nothing of the important relationships we established with legislators such as Seth Lewis and Christopher Belt on this important issue.

As a result, as we embark upon this coming year on our subsequent effort to pass SB2865, we are joined by a growing alliance of allies to help.

HB 4091 constitutes a bill requiring juvenile clients (formerly convicted of a non-lethal firearm violation, who are thereafter convicted of a second, non-lethal firearms offense) to receive specific treatments. We pushed back hard against this bill as, despite its well-meaning intentions, the bill ties the hands of POs because it mandates specific treatments. Unfortunately, this bill had enormous grassroots support in both chambers, and ultimately the bill passed the House 111-0; Senate 58-0. I would also comment that our experience with Anthony DeLuca also informs us generally about the overall impact of IPCSA in the GA. DeLuca was not so much opposed to our alteration to the bill - as he was concerned that, although he had run the bill 8 times previously, he had never heard from IPCSA before about our concerns. This fact highlights for us the need to establish our specific brand and propagate that brand through the rank and file membership of the General Assembly.

In other words, we endeavor to make sure that IPCSA is firmly in the minds of all legislators as an organization to check-in with, if they are sponsoring any bills affecting (or likely to affect) the realm of pretrial or probation.

And this, is what we also did with HB 4428.

HB 4428 (Cassidy) as introduced required 2 notices be sent to clients prior to court dates, with one notice being served the day prior to the scheduled appearance.

Additionally, the bill commissioned OSPS to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of expanding this program to require notices be sent to all persons charged with a criminal offense.

Understanding this bill was greased to move, as it left the House by a vote of 108-0-1 and Senate Exec by a vote of 11-0-0, Carla, Tod and I set to work to include language to assist with legislative implementation and ease the burden on IPCSA jurisdictions:

1. Principally, we pushed for an expansion of the powers of OSPS, so that they could provide financial assistance to counties with pretrial services as they implemented HB 4428;
2. We also agreed to a total of 3 text notifications prior to a court appearance, with one notice being served the day before the scheduled appearance;
3. Additionally, we agreed to a notice also to any individual who misses a court appearance;
4. In essence our amendatory work on HB 4428 ensures that jurisdictions struggling to implement a text system may receive financial and technical support from OSPS, in the form of grants OR reimbursement for costs incurred while establishing a text notification system.

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Having spoken of the budget in general, as well as specifically regarding IPCSA, plus also having spoken of substantive legislation receiving final passage this past legislative session, we are now prepared to conclude our discussion by looking forward to the efforts of your legislative team, over the next 6 months.

During this sojourn of summer and fall, leading up to the FY28 budget, we are focusing our efforts to pass the salary subsidy bill thru a myriad of means:

1. Completing with Dave Olsen (Loyola) an advanced one-pager, to sell the concept of salary subsidy; Visiting with the Supreme Court and AOIC, to see if they will include our \$30m increase within their budget request, going forward into FY28;
2. Meeting with ISACo, AFsCME, UCCI, and the Juvenile Justice Initiative - in order to establish a coordinated campaign of pressure on the GA to advance SB2865;
3. Fielding a concentrated survey, designed to probe counties' willingness to dedicate new state money to appropriate services, e.g., mental health or substance abuse treatment;
4. Meeting with Mike Halpin and Chris Belt - in order to cement our sponsorship with legislators who are motivated to pass the bill during the FY28 negotiations;
5. Meeting with Seth Lewis - in order to cement support from the minority caucus on the Infrastructure appropriations committee;
6. Meeting with all other members of the Capital and Infrastructure Appropriations committee - in order to establish a ground swell of popular support within the committee for a vote to advance our salary subsidy bill to the Senate floor for final passage.

So, today we've spoken about several items which are hopefully of significant interest to you:

We discussed the \$56b state fiscal FY27 budget, how it is austere, how Progressives were not able to stave off cuts with alternative revenue;

We discussed the specificity and fortune of a flat budget for IPCSA - despite many line items seeing significant reductions in FY27;

We discussed a summary of substantive legislation IPCSA compiled by Lisa Aust, as well as visited about 3 specific pieces of legislation which your IPCSA legislative team worked hard to advance or alter this past session. They were Halpin's fingerprinting printing bill, our salary subsidy bill, Kelly Cassidy's bill on client notification, and DeLuca's bill on subsequent firearms offenses.

Finally, we discussed our movement over the next 6 months to prepare for an advancement of our salary subsidy bill during the FY28 budget discussion, vis-a-vis meetings with the Supreme Court, legislative alliances with AFSCME, ISaCo, UCCI, and the Juvenile Justice Initiative.

I hope that today's discussion has brought some clarity for you regarding these topics. As always, I am available to you at any time for a consultation or discussion. Please reach out to me if you have any further questions. Best, Mark

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ELECTION INFORMATION

IPCSA BOARD POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION 2026

President-Elect

Region II Representative State-wide Representative

Candidates for Election



President Elect-Melissa Spooner, Cook County Juvenile

With more than 27 years of experience with probation, I have dedicated my career to advancing effective practices, supporting professionals at every level, and strengthening the systems that serve our communities. Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of serving in a variety of roles, each providing valuable insight into leadership, collaboration, and the importance of moving our profession forward with purpose and integrity.

Currently serving as the IPCSA Region I Representative and the Interim Chief Probation Officer in Cook County, I have worked closely with colleagues across jurisdictions to build partnerships, and support the growth and development of probation and detention professionals. These experiences have reinforced my belief that strong leadership is rooted in service, communication, and a commitment to representing the voices and needs of our members.

I am seeking the opportunity to serve as President-Elect because I am prepared to continue supporting the mission and vision of IPCSA while working alongside the President and Executive team to strengthen our association and its impact statewide. I believe my years of experience, institutional knowledge, and collaborative leadership style have prepared me to step into this role and contribute meaningfully to the continued success of the organization.

It would be an honor to serve in this capacity and to continue advocating for excellence, professionalism, and progress within the probation field.

President-Elect: The President-Elect shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President, or act for the President in case of his/her absence or disability. The President-Elect will also be responsible for the following:

- Set the agenda for all Executive Board meetings.
- Shall meet with a member of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts on a bi-annual or as needed basis.

The President-Elect will also review, advise, and vote on all other matters brought to the full membership of the Executive Board.

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Statewide Representative-Les Niemi, Lake County (Contested Race)

My name is Leslie Niemi, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for statewide Representative of the IPCSA Executive Board.

I am a proud graduate of Illinois State University with a degree in Criminal Justice Sciences, and for the past 28 years I have had the privilege of serving the courts and community as a probation officer and supervisor with the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in Lake County. Throughout my career, I have built strong relationships across the court system and within the community that have shaped both my personal and professional growth. I have relied on exceptional mentors and meaningful training opportunities to deepen my understanding of evidence-based practices, strengthen the services we provide, and support individuals in making prosocial change.

I have been an active and committed member of IPCSA for most of my career with Lake County Adult Probation. I have served on the Supervisor Committee and the Officer Safety and Wellness Committee, and I am a past recipient of the Pauline Gansauer Award for Field of Dedication. In the spring of 2025, I was honored to graduate from the inaugural IPCSA Leadership Academy. The Academy allowed me to form new connections, expand my leadership skills, and sparked the desire, confidence, and motivation to become more involved in the inner workings of IPCSA. When I was asked to join the Board as Statewide Representative in the summer of 2025, I eagerly accepted.

Over the past year, it has been a pleasure to serve as your Statewide Representative. Being part of the Board has been a truly rewarding experience. Witnessing the passion, dedication, and professionalism of our Board Members has inspired me to seek re-election. I would welcome the opportunity to continue supporting the Board's efforts to expand training opportunities and to educate Justice Partners and Legislators about the essential role we play in the criminal justice system.

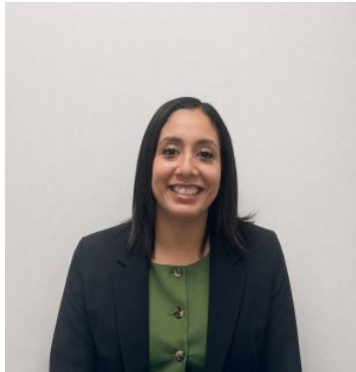
I would be humbled and honored to continue serving IPCSA as your Statewide Representative. I bring dedication, experience, and a deep passion for the work we do, and I remain committed to representing our members with integrity and enthusiasm. Thank you for your time and consideration.

State-wide Representative: The State-wide Representative of the Executive Board will be elected to collaborate and assist the Regional Representatives in their duties. The State-wide Representative shall review, advise, and vote on all other matters brought to the full membership of the Executive Board.

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Statewide Representative-Linda Cardoso, Will County (Contested Race)

Hello, my name is Linda Tornero Cardoso, and I am honored to be a candidate for Statewide Representative of IPCSA.

Throughout my career in probation and court services, I have witnessed firsthand the critical role our profession plays in strengthening individuals, families, and communities. I have also seen the important role IPCSA plays in supporting the professionals who carry out this work every day.

Since beginning my career in court services in 2006, I have had the opportunity to serve in a variety of roles across DuPage, Kendall, and Will Counties. These experiences have provided me with a broad perspective on the challenges, opportunities, and evolving needs of our field. One of the most valuable lessons I have learned is that our greatest successes often come through communication, collaboration, and a willingness to learn from one another.

Throughout my career, I have actively sought opportunities to connect with colleagues across jurisdictions, share ideas, discuss emerging issues, and collaborate on initiatives that improve services and operations. These professional relationships have been invaluable to my growth and have reinforced the importance of maintaining strong partnerships throughout the state.

I believe IPCSA serves as a vital resource by promoting education, advocacy, networking, and professional development. As Statewide Representative, I will be committed to serving as a strong link between our membership and the Executive Board. I will actively listen to the concerns and ideas of members, communicate important information to and from the Association, and encourage collaboration among counties and partner agencies.

My goal is to ensure that every member feels heard, represented, informed, and connected. Together, we can continue strengthening our profession and advancing the important work we do on behalf of the clients and communities we serve.

State-wide Representative: The State-wide Representative of the Executive Board will be elected to collaborate and assist the Regional Representatives in their duties. The State-wide Representative shall review, advise, and vote on all other matters brought to the full membership of the Executive Board.

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**2027 IPCSA
Leadership Symposium
June 29-30, 2027
Bloomington, IL**



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ELECTION INFORMATION

Candidates for Election



Region II Representative-Jessica Brannan, Adams County

My name is Jessica Brannan, and I am seeking your vote and support for the IPCSA Executive Board position of Region II Representative.

I obtained my Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with a minor in Psychology from WIU in 1997. I began my career as a foster care case manager with Catholic Social Services, Diocese of Peoria. After moving to Quincy in 1999, I continued to work in the field of foster care, but also in the now defunct DHS program of Unified Delinquency Intervention Services (UDIS). This is where I really became invested in working with delinquent youth. In 2006 I began my probation career as a juvenile probation officer. In 2022, I was promoted to my current role as probation supervisor, where I supervise both juvenile and adult probation officers.

Throughout my career I have served IPCSA on many committees, primarily the Juvenile committee beginning in 2008. I held the co-chair position on the committee from 2018 until 2025. During my time as co-chair, our committee had the pleasure of combining our efforts with the Intra/Interstate committee and AOIC to develop and implement the first statewide standards for juvenile intrastate transfers. Additionally, our committee proposed legislation regarding the use of detention centers for youth in care, as well diligently working on the raise the age bill. This committee has always been very hands-on with legislation and the ever-changing scenery of juvenile probation.

In addition to my juvenile probation involvement, I have been a Thinking for a Change facilitator since 2008 and currently am the coordinator of our program. I was trained with the initial group of NRCT facilitators in 2016 maintaining certification through 2022. I was able to help train all the 7th, 8th and 9th judicial circuits, as well as many other individuals at three separate IPCSA conferences. In May 2025, I graduated with the Inaugural IPCSA Leadership Academy. The knowledge I was able to gain and the connections I was able to create with my leadership partners, including Dr. Alex Walker, have been unmatched. I currently have the pleasure to serve as a mentor for the second round of Leadership Academy. Over the years, I have also remained very active in my community, serving on several committees and coalitions such as: The United Way Mental Health Education Coalition, The Adams County Suicide Coalition, The Adams County Children's Mental Health Partnership, Bella Ease Resilient Families Initiative, several different school based truancy and absenteeism committees, as well as serving my local schools as PTA president for many years.

My resume of service is just as long as many other well qualified people throughout Probation and Court Services. I was very excited and humbled to be selected and appointed to serve as your Region II representative when the vacancy became available in January 2025. I feel like I am just getting started and would very much appreciate the opportunity to continue this momentum to support the Court Services employees in my region. I love being a part of this association and this Executive Board. I am inspired daily by the dedication, knowledge, and networking this association provides to each county in the state to bring us all together as true experts in this field. If I am elected to this position through the support of my peers, I will continue to support Region II and do my best to be your voice to the Executive Board.

If you have additional questions for me, or suggestions as ways to further support Region II or the association, please feel free to reach out to me via email at jbrannan@adamscountyiil.gov or by phone at 217-277-2178.

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ELECTION INFORMATION

Region II Representative (Region II encompasses the following circuits: 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 21 and 24). You must work in the region to qualify as the region's representative: Regional Representatives will have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Shall represent the membership in their region and report any information to Executive Board.
- Shall report to the membership in their region of any news regarding the Association.
- Shall collaborate with other contacts and/or agencies in their region that are or may be pertinent to the Association.
- The Regional Representatives shall review, advise, and vote on all other matters brought to the full membership of the Executive Board.



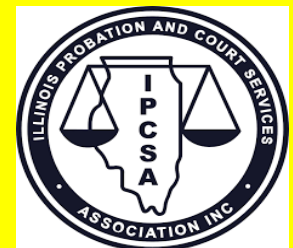
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IPCSA Executive Board Members in collaboration with the IPCSA Committees will be hosting a series of

Roll Call Events

2:00– 3:00 p.m.

- › *Open exclusively to IPCSA members*
 - › *COPE Approved*
 - › *No pre-registration required*
 - › *Free to all IPCSA members*
- › *Watch your emails for upcoming notifications*



**Membership Advantage
Free Training**

2026 Tentative Schedule

August 25-TBD

**September 29-Breaking the Cycle: Gambling & Criminal Justice
(Part 2)**

(Schedule and topics are subject to change.)

FEATURED ARTICLE

The 2025 Summer of Love; or Adventures on How I Met Your Legislator

The CMO and Legislative committees were combined in 2025 with Tod Dillard (Morgan County) and Lisa Aust (Kane County) as the co-chairs working closely with our lobbyist Mark Jarmer (residing Sangamon County), and Carla Stalnaker (Clinton County), the current President of IPSCA.

We knew that filing the legendary shoes of John McCabe and all of the previous Legislative Committee Chairs that have come before us was going to be a very arduous task and so we decided to take a new path instead. We wanted to make a fresh start, to establish ourselves as subject matter experts in the here and now. We knew we had to get our names “out there” as the new kids in town... and so in 2025 we embarked on the Summer of Love Tour.

Mark identified some key members of the state’s Senate and House and set about getting us face time with them (or their top staff) while they were in their home districts for the summer. Our agenda was simple – here we are, let us help you make effective laws and in turn you can help us be more effective in probation, pretrial, and detention. Win-win.



(Pictured from left to right: Todd, Lisa, Carla, and Mark standing in front of Justin Slaughter’s office on 95th St. in Chicago right after we had a great conversation with him.

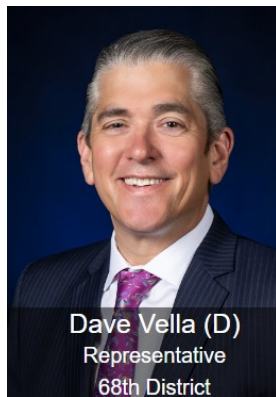
Regrettably we forgot to get a picture with him though, we’re really bad at remembering to take pictures. Sorry about that, we’ll try to be better moving forward.)

Carla, Tod and Mark all live in the middle-ish portion of the state and in order to save money and time they car pooled on the days coming north. Mark’s Spotify playlists were epic. Carla’s car conversations were no holds barred. Tod’s love of Dairy Queen blizzards makes total sense now. Lisa enjoys both witty repartee and expletives.

In August we met with John Cabello, the Assistant Minority Leader in the House of Representatives out in Machesney Park, with Rep. Dave Vella in Loves Park, with Rep. Kelly Cassidy up in Rogers Park (Chicago) and then down to the far south side of Chicago to meet with Rep. Justin Slaughter.

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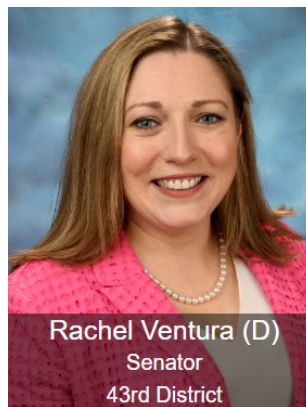
FEATURED ARTICLE



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All of the conversations were great, each of the representatives knew about probation and court services, but they didn't understand the complexities of our funding issues and how we are a shared entity under the authority of the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts AND local County Boards. We shared areas that we thought are robust for change – such as easing licensure requirements for certain services so that downstate probation offices have more options for treatment services, etc. We found them to be very receptive to our ideas.

In September we met with Sen. Robert Peter's staff in Hyde Park (Chicago), he's the Majority Caucus Whip, had a zoom call with Sen. Javier Cervantes from the Berwyn library, and met with Sen. Rachel Ventura in Joliet. Carla and Sen. Ventura hit it off so well that we stayed past closing just chatting away and her staff had already locked up when we got up to leave for home!



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The conversation with Sen. Ventura went so well that Carla is now a serious contender to be appointed to the Child First Task Force that is being organized pursuant to SB 2156 (Public Act 104-0449). The Child First Task Force will study Illinois's juvenile justice system and make recommendations on how to enhance crisis intervention services and other community services, reduce the number of youths in the detention and IDJJ systems, and provide cost-effective, evidence-based outcomes for children and youth.

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FEATURED ARTICLE

Sen. Ventura authored that piece of legislation and while we don't agree with all of it, we do consider it a major win to have Carla on the task force. Carla, along with a small group of policy heavy hitters consisting of Representatives, Judges, Juvenile Justice Initiative Board Members, and other justice stakeholders, spent a week in Ireland and saw firsthand how juvenile justice can work better for youth when the entire system focuses on treating those involved in the system as children and youth first. This involves, among other things, focusing on restorative justice, having trauma-informed systems, and working with youths and families to build solutions and restore communities rather than simply punishing them. Illinois is the first state in the country to create such a task force and IPCSA will be front and center at table. We were thrilled that Carla and Sen. Ventura established rapport so quickly. We're hopeful to continue to build upon those lines of communication.

We're currently planning our second tour of various legislative members and we're not sure what to call this summer's tour yet, but if you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Article submitted by the CMO/Legislative Committee



Ashley Dryden & Carla Stalnaker,
IPCSA President

2026 IPCSA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

ASHLEY DRYDEN
EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Ashley graduated from Greenville University in May 2021 and has been enrolled in the Kentucky Masters of Social Work program since August 2025. She began her career in 2021 as a Probation Officer in Effingham County.

Ashley has been an IPCSA member since 2021 and currently serves as a Co-Chair of the Technology/Research Committee. She is a past recipient of the IPCSA Distinguished Service Award (2024) and the Frank Calkins Committee Member of the Year Award (2022).

Outside of IPCSA, she was presented with the Samuel V. Hurst, Jr. Memorial Award for her work with the Effingham County Problem-Solving Court (2023). Other honors include the Deans's list (2017-2020); Criminal Justice National Honor's Society (2019); and SLIAC Conference All-Academic Team (2019, 2020). Ashley also holds a Restorative Justice Certification. She served on the Greenville Student Senate from 2018-2020.

In addition to her professional career as a Probation Officer, Ashley currently serves as an 8th grade girls Basketball Coach and an Assistant Varsity Coach at St. Anthony Schools in Effingham.

Over the past five years, Ashley has built valuable skills, practices and abilities to become an asset to the organizations for which she serves. She has a love for hard work, problem solving, and helping others. Additionally, as proven by the accolades received in the first five years of her professional career and her coaching positions, she has proven to be an excellent independent worker but also a great team member.

Congratulations Ashley Dryden as this year's recipient of the IPCSA Scholarship Award.

IPCSA AWARD NOMINATIONS.....Now OPEN

Distinguished Service Award:

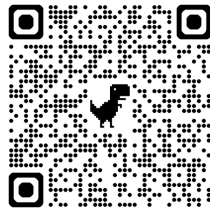
These awards are presented to members of IPCSA who work in probation, court services, and detention who, in the opinion of their Chief Managing Officers, deserve individual recognition for their dedication and commitment to their clients, peers, and the community.

Requirements:

Must be a current IPCSA member and employed at least 2 years with the nominating circuit/county
Has made a significant achievement/contribution to the department (must be described)
Has not received this award within the past 5 years.

To nominate an individual for this award please complete the following form...https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hLMcEQP-PiMJVcbuAfmznV_Ozq4zvQxp6X4rP6x4fWg/edit

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Michael Rohan - Innovative Leadership Award in Offender Program Development:

This award is presented to a program or person in Probation that exemplifies leadership in offender program development. This Program or Officer should have demonstrated evidence of effective offender outcomes with regard to reductions in recidivism, skill building, exceptional program completion rates, or other measures of success as highlighted by the nomination narrative. This award is selected by the Awards Committee.

Requirements:

The program/person should have been initiated/employed at least 1 year ago
The program should have been operational for at least 6 months
The program should have a clearly defined mission and goal
There should be documentation of effective outcomes with offenders
The program/person should include/demonstrate Evidence Based Principles/Practices
The program should address the question of "what makes this program innovative?"
How does this program/person "go above and beyond" daily expectations of probation?

To nominate a department's program, please complete the following form...https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Pbec-Rej3sB3lkm_bXrPpKmu9dSLwu4jzh4JxzNOaqQ/edit

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IPCSA Roll Calls featuring the talent among us!

The IPCSA Executive Board of Directors highlights our members by featuring them in the Roll Call line up. If you are specialized in a topic and willing to provide an hour virtual workshop, contact Cheryl at association1969@ipcsa.org.

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IPCSA AWARD NOMINATIONS.....NOW OPEN

Gene Hughes Award - Highest Professional Standards:

This award is presented to the Probation Officer who has best exemplified **the** highest standards of the profession through a multidisciplinary approach. A team player who understands their contribution is one part of a bigger equation. An officer with a strong work ethic, leadership skills, and places a high value on involvement in organizations and activities that advance the profession and field as a whole. This award is selected by the Awards Committee

Requirements:

- Must be an IPCSA Member for at least two years
- Must have seven years experience within the profession to be eligible

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2025 Recipient
Lori Trout
McHenry County

Pauline Gansauer Award - Field of Dedication:

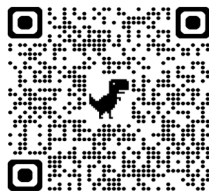
This award is presented to the Probation Officer or Detention Officer who has exemplified the highest standards of dedication to the profession. An individual who has their own goals that align with probation and court services. An officer who strives to improve their personal growth, their department and field of probation and court services. An officer who has strategies to stay motivated during the workday, attempting to get all of the tasks done on time. A dedicated employee who inspires their coworkers to strive for success, creating a more productive work environment. This award is selected by the Awards Committee.

Requirements:

- Must be a member of IPCSA for at least two years
- Must have a minimum of seven years of experience within the profession to be eligible.

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2025 Recipient
Evan Driver
Pike County

IPCSA Committees...

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William C. Albertson Award - Field of Achievement:

This award is presented to the Probation Officer or Detention Officer who has exemplified the highest standards in the field of achievement within the profession. An individual who has attained distinct achievements/recognitions relevant to the Probation and Court Services field. An officer who has demonstrated leadership and outstanding achievements through their community involvement, voluntary activities, dedication to the Association, and professional achievements. This award is selected by the Awards Committee.

Requirements:

- Must be a member of IPCSA for at least two years
- Must have a minimum of seven years of experience within the profession to be eligible.

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2025 Recipient
Jeff Poignee
St. Clair County

Robert E. Burdine - Officer of the Year:

This award is presented to a Line Officer (Juvenile Detention, Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation) who has exemplified integrity and dedication by their specific accomplishments and/or contributions to their department. An officer who is a positive role model to other colleagues and has a good work ethic. An individual who is respected and admired by their fellow professionals. An officer who has encouraged others through their participation in the Association. This award is selected by the Awards Committee.

Requirements:

- Must be a member of IPCSA for two years
- Must be non-supervisory, line officer

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2025 Recipient
Ed Zabotka
Madison County

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Free Virtual Roll Call-**Topic TBD**

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 @2:00 p.m.

Additional Information Coming Soon to

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Membership Benefit

IPCSA AWARD NOMINATIONS.....NOW OPEN

Cheryl Meyers Award for Excellence in Service and Innovation

This award honors the legacy of Cheryl Meyers, a longtime Director of the Effingham County Probation Department and a dedicated contributor to the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association. Cheryl was known not only for her innovative leadership in the field, but also for her deep commitment to building a stronger, more connected professional community. This award recognizes a member whose work within the Association reflects her spirit of forward-thinking service, collaboration, and dedication to the mission of probation and court services.



2025 Recipient
Cheryl Meyers
IPCSA

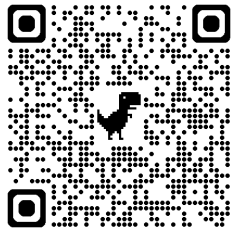
Requirements:

- Innovative Contribution to the Association
- Leadership with Purpose
- Promotion of Professional Growth
- Lasting Impact and Legacy
- Commitment to the Mission and Membership

This award is open to any current or former member of the Association who has demonstrated sustained involvement and leadership within the organization.

To nominate an individual for this award please complete the following form...<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLgrclp-JIKJ-hZlLozISzD9TzDJ8RJdX6RLNky3VBp0AOhA/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=102344637521163147653>

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S. William Ettinger Award:

This award is presented to the individual who has exemplified the highest degree of dedication and service to the Association. An individual who has strived to be a catalyst for progress. One who is a motivator, leader, and innovator whose skills have brought both experience and new concepts to the Association and field of probation and court services. This award is selected by the Awards Committee.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a member of IPCSA for two years
- Must have a minimum of seven years experience within the profession

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2025 Recipient
Mary Stoczynski
Cook County Social Service

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Frank Calkins Award - Committee Member of the Year:

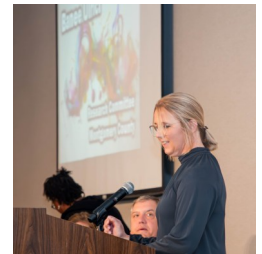
This award is presented to the individual who demonstrates dedication and support of the Association through Committee work. An individual who encourages new members to join and become involved in both the Association and committees. An individual who works with a committee to develop workshops, distribute information, and assist in the betterment of the field and Association. This award is selected by the Representative Committee.

Requirements:

- Must be a committee member for at least one year
- Must be an IPCSA member for at least 2 years

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2025 Recipient
Bane' Ulrici
Montgomery County

Connie Kaiser - Restorative Justice Award:

The Connie Kaiser Restorative Justice Award is presented to the person, program or Detention Center that exemplifies the highest standards of the profession in the area of promoting restorative justice principles, practices, and activities for youth in Detention. This award is selected by the Awards Committee.

To nominate an individual or program for this award please complete the following form..<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1p-yz2o67VmpwIRGuRYnJuBUcLRUlw8E9wioHYmIOyM/edit>

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2025 Recipient
Amy Sierra
Kane County

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Michael Shaughnessy - Superior Service Award:

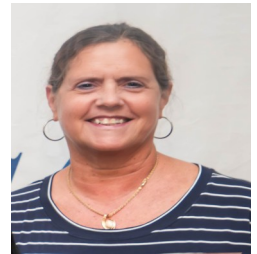
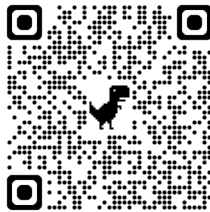
The Michael Shaughnessy Superior Service Award is presented throughout the year to IPCSA members who have demonstrated superior service to their department, the Association, and the Field of Probation, prior to their retirement. This award is selected by the Executive Board.

Requirements:

- Must have been a member of the Association for 10 years,
- Must have been employed in probation or detention for 15 years.

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2025 Recipient
Joyce Tastad
St. Clair County

Past President's Award:

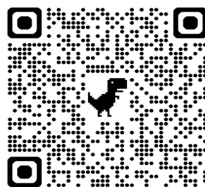
Created in 2014 at the 45th anniversary celebration, this award is presented throughout the year to the Association member, upon retirement, who has served as President of the Association.

Requirements:

- Must have been a member of the Association for at least 10 years.
- Must have retired from the field of Probation, Court Services or Detention

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Spring Conference Raffle Proceeds Benefit A Safe Place

A Safe Place is the sole provider of services exclusively addressing domestic violence in Lake County, Illinois. Through multi-faceted programs, they assist victims in transforming their lives after domestic violence, prevent future abuse by addressing its root cause through abuser intervention programs, and educate the community about domestic violence and how they can all be involved in its end.

Lake County Probation Staff presented a Safe Place with a check in the amount of \$8,225.86

IPCSA AWARD NOMINATIONS.....NOW OPEN

Exemplary Service Award - Citizen's Award:

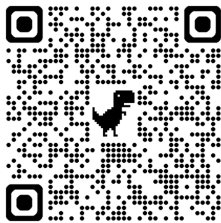
This award, previously designated as the Citizen Award, is presented to an individual or organization from the community who has served to further Probation, Court Services or Detention through their dedication and commitment within the private sector. This award is selected by the Executive Board in conjunction with the Awards Committee.

Requirements:

- Must be a member of the private sector
- Must provide services to the Probation, Court Services or Detention field

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2025 Recipient
Dr. Alexandra Walker
ACJI

John McCabe Legislative Service Award:

Presented to the individual who has displayed legislative leadership which prioritizes criminal justice legislation that positively impacts probation and court services. This award is selected by the Executive Board.



2025 Recipient
Thomas Gregory
Vermilion County

Darrel O. Smith President's Award:

The Darrel O. Smith award is presented to the person who has worked with the Association, judicial and legislative leaders, or the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts on the behalf of the profession. Someone whose participation and leadership within the Association has been outstanding and immeasurable. This award is selected by the President of the Association.



2025 Recipient
Tina Quick
Vermilion County

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- ⇒ Your county receives a 20% discount on all conference registrations?

LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM RECAP



IPCSA hosted the 4th annual Leadership Symposium June 23-24, 2026 in Bloomington, IL. The conference featured keynote speaker, Charles “Chip” Huth of the Arbinger Institute discussing outward mindset. Chip retired as an executive commander with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department and has over 30 years of law enforcement experience. He currently serves as the senior consultant for the Arbinger Institute. Chip was both inspiring and entertaining. IPCSA is currently excited about the possibility of partnering with Chip and the Arbinger Institute again in the near future. Stay tuned.

Becky Self, Training Program Manager, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts complimented Chip’s presentations by providing practical strategies to apply outward mindset in our everyday work. Look for more fantastic training opportunities from Becky at the 2026 Fall Conference in DuPage County.

Meaningful information that can be used professionally to develop self accountability	Great Symposium! Kept me engaged and interested!	Another wonderful Symposium! Bring Chip back to future IPCSA events!	Good information that will help me in my role as a supervisor.	Such a great and knowledgeable session. Chip kept the audience engaged. Highly recommend utilizing him in the future!	This will always be relevant content and Chip is a great presenter!	As always, great Symposium offering practical information that can immediately be used on a day-to-day basis.
Very Engaging and helpful tools!	Longer trainings please! Just can't get enough!	Such an amazing event!	Becky gave a lot of great ideas I can take back to my organization to try!		Thank you IPCSA for such a valuable training experience!	

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Substance Use Resource & Education SYMPOSIUM 2026

Gain knowledge and resources surrounding
substance use prevention and education.

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

9:00am – 4:00pm

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp
Flora, Illinois

Sign-in begins at 8:30am.

Lunch will be provided for the first 200 registrants.

Featuring:

- Expert speakers
- “Hidden in Plain Sight” room experience
- Resources from local agencies
- Networking opportunities

**Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are
currently pending and will be updated soon.**



Register by Friday,
August 7, 2026, at
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SURE2026](https://tinyurl.com/SURE2026)



Why do people stop their involvement in crime? What factors help shape this process?

The National Institute of Justice has a publication, *Desistance from Crime: Implications for Research, Policy and Practice* (<https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/desistance-crime-implications-research-policy-and-practice>), **and a podcast**, *Desistance: It's a Process, Not an Event*, (<https://nij.ojp.gov/library/podcast/desistance-is-a-process-not-an-event>) which discusses these factors.

Want the cliff notes... below is a 2021 article by Lila Kazemian who summarizes the findings that most juveniles who commit crime do not persist in criminal behavior in adulthood and nine key recommendations on desistance-promoting criminal justice policy and practice.

The association between age and crime is one of the most established facts in the field of criminology. It is generally agreed that aggregate crime rates peak in late adolescence/early adulthood (ages 18-21) and gradually drop thereafter. Although most adults who engage in criminal behavior also offended during adolescence, most juveniles who commit crime do not persist in adulthood.^[1] This is true even among those who engage in more serious forms of crime.^[2]

In this regard, the age-crime curve creates a paradox. Individuals are more susceptible to crime in late adolescence and early adulthood, but they are also more likely to abandon criminal behavior after this period. As such, some of the more punitive criminal justice interventions targeting adolescents and emerging adults may interrupt an otherwise downward slope of criminal behavior. Given the overrepresentation of minority youth at all stages of the juvenile and criminal justice processes — including arrest, pretrial confinement, prosecution, sentencing, and incarceration — the stigma of criminal justice responses overwhelmingly affects youth belonging to marginalized groups.^[3]

Adolescence is a period marked by significant psychological, biological, and social changes. Offending behavior is one of many possible responses to a lack of access to adequate resources or supportive environments for coping with these developmental transitions.^[4] In 2019, adolescents (7%) and emerging adults (ages 18-24; 20%) accounted for more than one quarter of all arrests.^[5] It has been estimated that 30% to 60% of adolescents with an arrest will also be arrested in early adulthood, but the rates of persistence in crime decline steadily with age.^[6]

Decisions to give up crime may involve several relapses and reversals before an individual reaches the final point of giving up crime permanently. This white paper provides an overview of the mechanisms underlying this process of desistance from crime among juveniles and adults and the implications for criminal justice policy and practice. Drawing on the research literature and relevant theoretical frameworks, the paper offers nine key recommendations on desistance-promoting criminal justice policy and practice.

1. Criminal justice interventions would benefit from a paradigm shift that expands from an exclusive focus on recidivism to the consideration of positive outcomes that may result in reduced involvement in crime. Program evaluations that prescribe to this new paradigm should: (a) integrate the well-established fact that desistance from crime occurs gradually and that setbacks are to be expected; (b) consider changes in individual and social outcomes in addition to behavioral measures; (c) offer a balanced assessment of both failure and success outcomes and invest resources in tracking progress before, during, and after any given intervention; and (d) provide incentives for success.

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2. Biosocial research has suggested that from a cognitive perspective, emerging adults (18-24 years old) may resemble adolescents more than adults. It would then be logical to extend assumptions about reduced culpability to individuals up to the age of 24. Young adult courts are an example of such an accommodation. The age-crime curve confirms that most individuals are likely to give up crime during emerging adulthood; in many cases, criminal justice processing during this period may be counterproductive and might delay the process of desistance from crime that would otherwise occur naturally. Prosecutors play a key role in fostering desistance by avoiding further processing for individuals who do not pose a significant threat to public safety.

3. Longer prison sentences are not effective in promoting desistance from crime and reducing recidivism. In fact, confinement disrupts the desistance process in many ways, and it should be used only as a last recourse. When possible, jurisdictions should favor alternatives to confinement for both juveniles and adults. Few individuals remain active in crime after the age of 40. Barring exceptional circumstances for those who pose a clear threat to public safety, there is no empirical basis for incarcerating individuals for decades past mid-adulthood.

4. Because the decision to give up crime is regarded as a gradual process rather than an abrupt event, preparation for release from confinement should ideally begin early in the sentence for those cases where incarceration is deemed necessary. Individuals can make constructive use of their time in prison if they can find meaning to their sentence, get to the root of the reasons that brought them to prison in the first place, and develop a plan for their return to society. These are essential components of the desistance and reintegration processes.

5. Interactions with law enforcement may disrupt desistance in many ways that are not necessarily well understood by officers. Given that most initial contacts with law enforcement do not result in further criminal justice processing, arrests that do not lead to a conviction constitute a poor measure of criminal behavior and may create unnecessary stigma that hampers the desistance process. This stigma disproportionately affects individuals belonging to socially marginalized groups. Convictions or incarcerations may be more valid indicators of official crime.

6. The stigma of a criminal record has enduring effects on the ability to successfully reintegrate into society. Expungement laws can help offset some of the negative consequences of the stigma of a criminal record.

7. The mere prevalence of past offending is insufficient to assess future risk of reoffending. We need to account for other dimensions of the criminal record, including the recency and intensity of involvement in past crimes. Housing and employment policies that adopt a blanket ban against individuals with a criminal record cannot be justified on the basis of public safety concerns and are in fact detrimental to the process of desistance from crime.

8. Many state and local jurisdictions have developed promising initiatives and interventions that draw on principles of the desistance paradigm, but few have been rigorously evaluated. Partnerships between policymakers, practitioners, and academics are crucial to conducting more systematic assessments. We also need to better understand whether the level of responsiveness to any given intervention varies across demographic groups (specifically age and gender), criminal history characteristics, and histories of trauma.

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Efforts to promote desistance from crime are not the sole responsibility of any single agency. The most promising desistance-promoting policies and practices rely on ongoing partnerships between the various agents of the criminal justice system and community resources, including law enforcement, prosecution, corrections, and community organizations.

Lila Kazemian, "Pathways to Desistance From Crime Among Juveniles and Adults: Applications to Criminal Justice Policy and Practice," November 8, 2021, [nij.ojp.gov: https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/pathways-desistance-crime-among-juveniles-and-adults-applications-criminal-justice](https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/pathways-desistance-crime-among-juveniles-and-adults-applications-criminal-justice)

This Outlook entry courtesy of the Research Committee, bringing you information to inform your practices.



2026 Fall Conference

Hosted by DuPage County
October 28-30, 2026

Featuring Amanda Carrasco

Amanda Carrasco is a family survivor of homicide and sexual assault who uses her experiences to impact the lives of her community and those impacted by the justice system. She is a dynamic speaker, consultant, and leader who values community and justice. As a workshop leader and keynote speaker her perspective on harm and restorative practices come from her own lived experience of overcoming trauma and finding healing.

Amanda is the owner of [Harmony Homestay](#) – a company that works with international youth and she serves as the In-House Legal Counsel at [Sharp Circle](#) Inc. – a mentoring program.

Amanda holds four master's degrees from multiple nations: a master's in business leadership from Canada, a master's in public policy from the United States, and two master's degrees in law - one from the United States and one from the United Kingdom. Restorative Justice is the core of her practice, and she is a certified facilitator through the Restorative Justice Council. She has certificates in Restorative Justice from Simon Fraser University and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse from the United Nations.

Amanda's book entitled "Becoming the Brave One" is a raw, courageous memoir that traces her journey through unimaginable pain toward healing, justice, and self-empowerment. Through her relentless pursuit of a better life, she challenges the assumptions placed on survivors and invites readers to believe in the power of choice, resilience, and the transformative potential of restorative justice. With honesty and grace, Amanda shows us that while trauma leaves deep scars, it doesn't have to dictate the future. Her story is a testament to the human spirit's capacity to overcome and a guide for anyone yearning to reclaim their narrative and step boldly into who they were meant to be. This is more than a memoir—it's a call to bravery.

She loves experiencing how vast and beautiful the world is in geography and culture and has almost achieved her goal of surfing off of every continent (except Antarctica).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING IN AUGUST TO www.ipcsa.org

IPCSA AT WRIGLEY FIELD



On May 1, 2026, the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association (IPCSA) hosted another successful IPCSA Day at Wrigley Field. As has become tradition, members of the Association gathered at Murphy's Bleachers before the game to socialize, reconnect, and enjoy the pregame festivities.

A raffle was also held, with the grand prize being an official Chicago Cubs jersey, adding to the excitement of the day.

Although it was another chilly afternoon at Wrigley Field, the weather did not dampen the spirits of those in attendance. The Cubs rewarded the fans by holding off a late rally from the Arizona Diamondbacks to earn an exciting 6–5 victory.

IPCSA Day at Wrigley continues to be a great opportunity for members to enjoy fellowship, strengthen professional relationships, and share in America's pastime.



**Membership
Benefit-Reduced
Ticket Prices**

ILLINOIS PROBATION AND COURT SERVICES ASSOCIATION (IPCSA)

★ COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT ★

Awards COMMITTEE



Do you want to be part of a committee that **recognizes the outstanding work** being done by probation and detention professionals across the State of Illinois? Do you enjoy planning events? Are you creative and enjoy decorating? If so, the IPCSA Awards Committee may be the perfect fit for you!



The Awards Committee formally meets once each year to **review nominations and select recipients** for the Association's major awards. In addition, the committee coordinates the Recognition Awards and reviews each nomination to ensure it meets the established award criteria. It is a rewarding opportunity to recognize the exceptional work being done by Probation Officers, Court Services staff, and Detention professionals throughout Illinois.



At the IPCSA Fall Awards Banquet, the Awards Committee presents **Distinguished Service Awards** and **Major Awards**, recognizing the outstanding contributions of professionals across the state. The committee also plans and decorates the banquet tables based on the conference theme, helping create a memorable evening celebrating our colleagues.



AWARD NOMINATIONS WILL OPEN ON JULY 1!

Be sure to watch the IPCSA website, Facebook page, and your email for the official announcement. Once again, nominations will be submitted **online**.



★ *Questions or want to join our committee?* ★

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enhanced prevention efforts, resources tied to declining domestic violence deaths

In Chicago, the most important measure of progress in our work against domestic violence is not abstract. It is not a percentage or a headline. It is whether fewer people are dying at the hands of someone they once trusted.

The latest data tells us we are on the right trajectory: So far in 2026, Chicago has seen 52% fewer domestic violence homicides compared with this time in 2025.

These gains did not happen by accident but are a result of deliberate investment of resources joined with strong public policy and the tireless work of community-based organizations, survivor advocates and public agencies.

The city of Chicago, for example, increased funding for gender-based violence services to a record \$23.2 million in 2026. Cook County also invested nearly \$5 million in domestic violence services.

For survivors, these aren't just numbers. They represent a safe place to sleep, a court advocate standing beside them or a counselor helping them rebuild after trauma. They are the difference between remaining in danger and finding a path to safety.

Another part of this shift is Illinois' Karina's Law. Karina's Law changed what happens in that critical window of danger when a survivor gets an emergency order of protection and needs firearms removed by law enforcement. Since Karina's Law went into effect last year, Chicago police recovered 36 firearms, and the Cook County sheriff recovered 76 firearms.

At the same time, reforms to Illinois' pretrial system have strengthened our ability to respond to high-risk cases. Under the Pretrial Fairness Act, courts can detain individuals who pose a real and present threat to domestic violence victims. Survivors are also guaranteed notification of hearings and access to protective orders, ensuring that the legal process does not move forward



Chicago has seen 52% fewer domestic violence homicides compared with this time in 2025. STOCKADORE.COM PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

without considering their safety.

This is what survivors tell us is necessary and what data has affirmed.

We are changing the trajectory in Chicago. That is not accidental, but the result of aligned policy, investment and persistence. But we can't see this progress as an endpoint, but as evidence to keep going. When we align survivor voice in our systems with risk-based firearm removal and increased funding for community-based services, we can save lives.

Amanda Pyron, president and CEO, The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence

Obama needs to keep community organizing in his orbit

In tracing his journey to the presidency and decision to locate his inspiring new presidential center on the South Side, Barack Obama spoke frequently and eloquently about the pivotal role of community organizing in his life

during his remarks at the opening ceremony.

For it was community organizing that drew him to Chicago, inspired his love for the city and its residents, developed his gifts as a speaker and eventually facilitated his entrée into politics.

Working effectively in several of Chicago's most neglected communities, Obama took on the challenges that all community organizers face: meeting residents, listening to their stories of hardship and resilience, learning about the issues they care about and their communities and helping them forge responses to pressure the political establishment to address them.

He learned many lessons from his work, foremost among them "that leadership has less to do with titles or rank or chasing attention than with helping others find their voice, reaching their potential."

As a community organizer in Chicago for over 40 years, I was disappointed that Obama dropped

all reference to community organizing as part of his vision for the center's future in his speech.

In my view, it would have been a chance for him to highlight community organizing's unique role in the country, dating back to Saul Alinsky, who launched this method of building grassroots power in the Back of the Yards in 1939.

Since Alinsky, community organizing has expanded across the country, inspiring thousands of citizens to take action and create change they believe in.

Today, community organizing efforts in all 50 states produce results on seemingly intractable issues. The key to their success? Community organizers listen to everyday citizens, help them find their voices and inspire them to realize their hopes and dreams.

The Obama Foundation should recognize such engagement by citizens as a unique asset in Obama's repertoire and do its best to broaden and then broadcast com-

munity organizing's importance and impact.

Robert T. Gannett Jr., executive director, Institute for Community Empowerment

Salty at suburbanites who call themselves 'Chicagoans'

Spending time in Chicago doesn't make someone a Chicagoan, as University of Maryland professor Jeff Lucas recently argued in his letter.

People who grew up in the suburbs love to tell others they're "from Chicago." I understand the want and the allure. But I don't understand why suburbanites believe they can lay claim to something that isn't theirs and they didn't earn.

They don't know what it's like waiting for the CTA in the dead of winter. They've never had to move their car at 5:30 a.m. because of street cleaning. They've never circled their own block for an hour looking for parking. They hung out at the mall growing up. We hung out in garages, on porches, in alleys and parks.

As teenagers, I'm sure many suburbanites would free themselves from their parents for the evening, so they could secretly drive "into the city" for some thrills. We were there before they got there and we were still there when they drove back to their leafy cul-de-sacs. Simply visiting a place, no matter how often, doesn't give you the right to claim you're from there.

How many gangs are in Naperville? How many are homeless in Evanston? How many elite vendors walk around with their carts in Schaumburg?

Lastly, I want to point out there's simple wording that could clear things up for many of you suburbanites. Just say you're "from right outside Chicago." But that doesn't have the same ring to it, does it?

Andrew Wynne, Logan Square

Send letters to letters@suntimes.com.

"A recent opinion piece by Amanda Pyron, President and CEO of The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence, highlights encouraging progress in Chicago's efforts to reduce domestic violence. Thus far in 2026, the city has experienced a **52% reduction in domestic violence homicides** compared to the same point in 2025. The article attributes this progress not to chance, but to sustained investment in victim services, thoughtful public policy, and strong collaboration among community organizations, advocates, law enforcement, the courts, and public agencies. It also points to the positive impact of legislation such as **Karina's Law** and Illinois' pretrial reforms, demonstrating how well-crafted policy can translate into lives saved.

As IPCSA committees consider legislative priorities, this article serves as a powerful reminder that our voices matter. Those of us working within the justice system see firsthand the challenges facing victims, clients, and communities. By thoughtfully supporting evidence-informed legislation and lending our professional expertise to the policymaking process, we can help shape laws that strengthen public safety, improve outcomes, and create lasting change. Advocacy is not separate from our mission—it is one of the ways we fulfill it."

Article submitted by the
Human Advocacy Committee

IPCSA BUSINESS MEETING 4/24/26

Called Meeting to Order

President Carla Stalnaker called meeting to order at 9:14 am

President's Comments

Carla welcomed everyone.

Golf Outing Report

Les Niemi gave report on Golf Outing, thanked everyone involved.

Longest Drive-Banee' Ulrici

Longest Drive-Jake-Attorney

Closest to the Pin-none

Hole in One-Madeline Marshall

Host County Awards

Carla recognized Lake County for hosting.

Margaret Fontanna and James Edwards were presented the Host County plaque.

Margaret thanked her staff. Margaret asked Pat Davenport from A Safe Place to come forward to accept the proceeds from the raffle, which will be approximately \$5,000.

Legislative Report

Mark Jarmer gave the legislative report.

Mark spoke in committees about the legislative process for submitting bills through where they are today.

Mark spoke to the members proactively about being a power presence in Springfield, moving us toward a relational influence. Mark described his approach to legislative members on a long-term basis.

-Redefining the Public Safety Narrative

-Premier Repository of Probation Data

-Subject Matter Experts

-Grassroots Potential

Mark thanked the members for all that they do.

Treasurer's Report-

Banee' Ulrici spoke on behalf of Treasurer Steven Sells-It was reported the Association is in good financial standing, meaning the Association has more money this year than this time last year.

Drawing for 50/50- winner will receive \$147- Banee' won the money!

IPCSA BUSINESS MEETING 4/24/26

President Elect Report

Upcoming Conference Announcements

Leadership Symposium will be held June 23rd and 24th in Bloomington Arbinger Institute Outward Mindset-Chip Huth is the presenter. Becky Self will also present.

Fall 2026 DuPage County October 28th-30th 2026

Spring 2027 McHenry County

Fall 2027 McLean County

Committee Report

Awards Committee-No report provided.

CMO- 40 attendees updates from Mike Vendetti regarding Pretrial, Dan Hunt provided AOIC updates, Deb Jarvis provided Probation Advisory Board updates and Kathy Starkovich, provided updates regarding COPE

Detention- Mike Davis over 30 people in the room. Guest from AOIC Mark Bronke presented on raise the age of confinement- take a look at this bill as there is a lot of interpretation. Detention leadership is meeting in Will County on May 14.

Human Advocacy- Karen H. Cook County raised funds for Noah's Rest; Report Submitted.

Inter/Intrastate- Sharon Klapperich gave report; gave updates on ICOTS transfers; also discussed juvenile judicial transfers; also reviewing interstate standards to see if there is anything that needs to be changed. Lissa recognized Sharon as she is stepping down as chair, Report Submitted;

Juvenile-29 in attendance and list is updated. Discussed current bills, raise the age; and if there were any items that they wanted to propose for legislation; also discussed seeking faculty from the field to implement the training curriculum

Membership-Deborah Norman shared that there 300 registered for conference, recognized Lake County for doing a great job. Deborah announced the 5 for 5 winner, Kari Jo Krebs from Clinton County.

Nominations-Frank Morelli reminded members about the Cubs game May 1st 305 tickets were sold;

Statewide Rep-

Tracey Welch, Lake County nominated Les Niemi, Lake County;
Seconded by Dave Beery DeWitt County

Region 2-

Jess Ashley Campbell, Calhoun County nominated Jessica Brannan, Adams County
Seconded by Deborah Norman, Lake County

President Elect-

Christy Foster, Clinton County nominated Melissa Spooner, Cook County
Seconded by Brian Brown, Peoria County

Nominations can be made up until June 1st.

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IPCSA BUSINESS MEETING 4/24/26

Officer Safety & Wellness-Discussion on promotion of officer safety and wellness; had a vendor table with fruit; gave away a water bottle and had a step-challenge; wellness event was cancelled, NRCT will be held in the fall. They will be working on NRCT certifications and recertifications in Champaign. Tammi Biermann won the step challenge with 30,715 steps

Pretrial-Mike Venditti thanked Lake County for hosting. Meeting was well attended and covered multiple things. Mike shared CPTE hours were approved for conference pretrial sessions. Wendy Venverlot gave a report on NAPSA. Discussed changes and updates for pretrial education. Next meeting will be at fall conference.

Program-Tina Quick introduce Jaqueline Joudis from Kendall County as the program chair. Tina also shared they will be creating sub-committees within the program committee. Tina thanked the host county and the board for all the work put into the conference. She also thanked the Ten Hotel, owners and staff. Tina reminded every one Fall Conference will be in DuPage County in October. Jaqueline Joudis introduced herself to the members. She reminded everyone that the conference will be held in Itasca. Winner from the conference survey was Danielle from Peoria County.

Research-No report submitted.

Resource-Nick from resource committee, asked for new members 20 vendors \$3,800 in giveaways. Nick also recognized Lake County. Nick thanked Cheryl Meyers for her assistance with the vendors.

Sex Offender-No report submitted.

Substance Use-held a fundraiser during the golf outing NAMI Lake County. 13 members attended 4 new members. They discussed creating a training track for conference. Chris Winters and Kimberly Reed both stepped down as chairs. Lissa presented both with a plaque for their work.

Supervisor-Well attended Amanda Wells will be co-chair. Discussed ICOTS rules and changes, discussed Leadership Symposium and Coaching.

Technology-No report submitted

Representative- Lissa presented outgoing chairs Julie Cho and Sharon Klapperich of Inter/ Intrastate with a plaque who also stepped down as chairs.

Call for Old Business

No old business to report

Call for New Business

No new business.

Motion to Adjourn

**Motion by Sharon Klapperich Lake County to adjourn
Seconded by Christy Foster, Clinton County
Meeting Adjourned.**

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IPCSA ADOPTS NEW MISSION STATEMENT

*IPCSA advances excellence in probation,
pre-trial and detention
through professional development,
statewide leadership and
legislative advocacy.*

Chief Judge Beach Announces Leadership Transition in Juvenile Probation Department



Announcement, Press Release April 27, 2026

As part of the ongoing transformation of the juvenile justice system in Cook County, Chief Judge Charles S. Beach II today announced a leadership transition within the Juvenile Probation Department.

“The work of building a model juvenile justice system requires thoughtful leadership, accountability, and a commitment to continuous improvement,” said Chief Judge Beach. “These changes are part of our responsibility to ensure that our system operates with integrity and in full alignment with statewide standards, while continuing to serve the youth and families of Cook County.

This change reflects a broader effort to strengthen operations, ensure compliance with statewide standards, and align leadership with the Courts long-term vision for a more effective and responsive juvenile justice system.

As previously announced, the Court has established the new role of Director of Juvenile Services, who will be responsible for overseeing both Juvenile Probation and the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center and will play a central role in recommending permanent leadership within these critical areas. The Director, Sara Hemmeter, is expected to begin May 18, 2026, and will play a central role in advancing systemwide improvements.

In the interim, Chief Judge Beach has appointed Melissa Spooner as Interim Chief of Juvenile Probation & Court Services. Ms. Spooner brings substantial experience and a strong understanding of local operations. In this role, she will support the onboarding of the new Director of Juvenile Services and ensure continuity of day-to-day operations.

The Court remains committed to a smooth transition and maintaining uninterrupted services throughout this process.

Article complimentary of Circuit Court of Cook County

2026-2027 IPCSA Leadership Academy Participants

Kyle Anderson,
Lake County

Katie Brogan,
Cook County

Hannah Christian,
Vermilion County

Santoeri Davis,
Cook County

Lissa DeSplinter,
Rock Island County

Kelsey Gilliam,
Ogle County

Diana Guzman,
Lake County

Corey Harris,
Kane County

Trish Justis,
McHenry County

Madalyn Lane,
Livingston County

Erick Mund,
Livingston County

Geneva Perkinson,
DuPage County

Samantha Reed,
Kane County

Kadie Ringering,
Madison County

Victoria Roach,
Vermilion County

Nancy Root,
Cook County

Monika Ruscheinsky,
Kane County

Christopher Schulte,
Madison County

Mason Schweppe,
Madison County

Justin Smith,
Peoria County

Aleena Wessell,
Madison County

Tristen Winkler,
Vermilion County

Crystal Zynda,
Kane County

**Congratulations to all of
our Academy Participants**

IPCSA SPRING CONFERENCE CALL FOR PRESENTERS



Illinois Probation and Court Services 2027 Spring Training Conference McHenry County

The Illinois Probation and Court Services Association is a membership organization of probation and court services practitioners across the state. IPCSA is actively soliciting workshop proposals for the 2027 Spring Conference.

IPCSA conferences examine the state of community corrections practice in Illinois and the nation, and provide a forum for practitioners to examine their roles in achieving “best practices.” IPCSA welcomes workshops with a research or evaluation component as well as policy development. Workshop proposals should articulate principles which encompass evidence-based practices.

If you have any questions, or would be interested in presenting at 2027 Spring Conference, please complete this form and email it to ldesplinter@co.rock-island.il.us.

Presenter(s) Information:

Name:
Agency/Organization:
Work Address:
City: State:
Phone: Email:

Name:
Agency/Organization:
Work Address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone: Email:

Title of Session/Presentation:

Length of presentation: ☐ 90 minutes ☐ 3 hours ☐ other: please specify _____

Does your presentation assist attendees in one of more of the following areas (check all that apply):

- ☐ Gain knowledge of applicable statutes (Probation Officer’s Act, Juvenile Court Act, and/or the Pretrial Act)
- ☐ Gain knowledge of evidence-based principles for effective client change
- ☐ Gain or improve understanding of the Probation Casework Model to assist attendees in identifying risk domains that contribute to offender behavior
- ☐ Gain or improve understanding of the stages of change and the attendee’s role as an agent of change
- ☐ Assist attendees with interacting with clients in a non-judgmental, respectful and fair manner
- ☐ Gain or improve understanding of governmental and non-governmental systems and resources both locally and statewide.

Do you charge a speaker fee? ☐ No ☐ Yes: if yes, how much? _____

Do you charge travel expenses? ☐ No ☐ Yes: If so, please specify. _____

Primary Contact/Lead Presenter:

Please send this form to Lissa DeSplinter at ldesplinter@co.rock-island.il.us.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: January 15, 2027

SPRING CONFERENCE RECAP



HOLE IN ONE!

Madelyn Marshall of Kane County hit a hole in one during the IPCSA Spring Conference Golf Outing!

The odds of an amateur achieving this is 1 in 12,500!

SPRING CONFERENCE RECAP

Thank you to Lake County for hosting the 2026 IPCSA Spring Conference



SPRING CONFERENCE RECAP



SPRING CONFERENCE RECAP...AND THE WINNER IS...



SPRING CONFERENCE RECAP



5 FOR 5

Submitting a response to the 5 for 5 at a conference automatically enrolls you in the drawing to win a free conference registration!

Name	Best Time at Conference!	Favorite IPCSA Conference Attended!	What would you be doing if you were not a Probation Officer?	Why did you choose this field?	Client's best excuse for a violation!
James Wilde Juvenile PO Fulton County	Meeting new people	Joint IPCSA & APPA Conference in Chicago	I'd be retired	To help people	My mom baked cannabis brownies
Joe Ahr PO Lake County	Workshops	This is my first conference (Spring 2026)	Police	Like helping people doing what is right	My dog ate my prescription
Amelia Almazan PO Lake County	The networking	IPCSA	Coroner	Interested in it	I used mouthwash
Emily Price PO Cook County	Stronger Together: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Human Trafficking in the Justice System align with the AI & Courts 2026. Excellent training full of information	I have not been in awhile but Gurnee was very nice	Attorney	Love working and helping families with getting the life back in order, and being able to help assist youth and their families	Not realizing they were actually violating their court orders, they were just living their life
Sharon Klapperich Principal PO Lake County	Jail and Bail. I think it was in Champaign	Champaign County 	Working with puppies and kittens	To help people	Having "fun" with someone
Winner of the Free Fall Conference Registration Kari Jo Krebs Clinton County	Not Sure!	Spring 2024 	Behavior Therapist	Helping Others	I read yogurt and sardines can cause false positives for alcohol!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee is gearing up for a busy fall, and we're excited to begin reviewing outstanding award nominations from across the State of Illinois!

The Awards Committee formally meets once each year to review nominations and select recipients for the Association's major awards. In addition, the committee coordinates the Distinguished Service Awards and carefully reviews each nomination to ensure it meets the established award criteria. It is a rewarding opportunity to recognize the exceptional work being done by Probation Officers, Court Services staff, and Detention professionals throughout Illinois.

Award nominations opened July 1! See pages 19-25 of this publication or the IPCSA website to make your nominations. Nominations will be submitted online.

Interested in recognizing a deserving colleague or becoming part of the committee that celebrates excellence across Illinois? We'd love to have you join us!

Questions about nominations or interested in joining the Awards Committee? Please contact Lissa DeSplinter or Tracy Carriere.

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Tracy Burke-Carriere
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CMO/Legislative Committee

See featured article pages 16-18.

Detention Committee

Effective July 1, 2026, in accordance with SB1784, youth under 12 years of age are no longer eligible to be detained. This legislation also removes the requirement that juvenile detention centers contact CCBYS prior to admitting 12-year-olds. Effective July 1, 2027, the bill also limits the number of offenses for which 12-year-olds can be detained. Juvenile detention centers have updated their screening procedures to reflect these legislative changes.

On May 14, 2026, a Juvenile Detention Leadership Business Meeting was held at the River Valley Detention Center in Will County. Administrators from the majority of the county operated-juvenile detention centers across the state were in attendance. Topics discussed included the AOIC cost analysis survey, JMIS data points, bed space, operational and staffing challenges. Many in attendance have experienced significant challenges in recruiting and retaining quality applicants. Staffing issues were identified as one of the major reasons why facilities are unable to provide detention services for out-of-county youth. Discussion ensued regarding the reasons for the staff shortages and strategies to address the issue. The AOIC recently allocated additional resources to juvenile detention in order for every facility to hire a PREA Coordinator. As such, a lot of facilities are now working towards PREA certification. Those facilities who are already certified agreed to provide support and assistance to those working towards certification. The group is planning to reconvene in September 2026, tentatively at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (con'T)

Human Advocacy Committee

See featured article page 33

Information Technology Committee

See featured article pages 26-28.

In 2026, the Research Committee and the Technology Committee merged to form the Information Technology Committee. Co-Chairs are Mary Colleen Powers, DuPage County and Ashley Dryden, Effingham County.

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Inter/Intrastate Committee

The Inter/Intrastate Committee recently saw a change in leadership with Julie Cho-Valldejuli and Sharon Klapperich stepping down as Co-Chairs.

Thank you Julie and Sharon for your time and efforts leading this Committee.



DID YOU KNOW?...IPCSA CHARTER MEMBERS...NOVEMBER 19, 1969

Adams County

Olive Schmidt

Champaign County

Russell Burke

Les Mulvany

Victor Sellers

Coles County

William Checkley

Douglas County

Drusilla Tylor

Edgar County

Theron Beeson

Greene County

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Knox County

Albertena Morgan

Marion County

Pauline Gansauer

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Morgan County

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Moultrie County

Opal Moore

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Elmer Lacquet

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Piatt County

Raleigh Manuel

Sangamon County

Tom Roberts

Joseph Maher

William Buedel

Charlotte Horin

Arnold Moore

Mary O'Brien

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Tazewell County

William Morton

Robert Hancock

Thyrza Godby

Arlene England

Vermilion County

Clarence Gene Hughes

Joseph Ottino

Gerald Chrisman

Pauline Humrichouse

This is a list of the 31 Probation Officers who were present on 11/19/69 when IPCSA was organized.

Also involved although not present at the organizational meeting were Ray Carrell, Hamilton, Jefferson and Franklin Counties; Richard Vandevoom, Adams County; Kenneth Simons, McLean County; and Madilynn Skinner, Tazewell County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (con't)

Membership Committee

There are many ways to get involved with IPCSA. We host two conferences each year—one in the spring and one in the fall—along with monthly roll calls, pop-up virtual and in-person training sessions, the Leadership Academy, a golf outing, a Cubs outing, and the Leadership Symposium. We also offer regional meetings that are open to all members, providing additional opportunities to learn, share ideas, and network with colleagues throughout the year.

Membership offers a variety of valuable benefits, including:

- Access to monthly Roll Calls, which count toward the training hours required by the AOIC.
- Discounted member registration rates for conferences, trainings, and other IPCSA events.
- Priority registration for trainings and events with limited seating.
- Opportunities to network with colleagues, learn from peers, and stay informed about current issues, trends, and best practices in probation.

IPCSA membership is open to professionals in the field of probation who are committed to continuing education, professional development, and collaboration.

Some members have asked, "Who is considered a new member?" A new member is someone who has never previously been a member of IPCSA in any capacity.

For example, if you joined IPCSA in 2019 as a juvenile officer, even if you never attended a conference, you are not considered a new member because you have already held membership. Likewise, if you were previously a juvenile officer and later transitioned to an adult officer, you would not qualify as a new member. New member status is based solely on whether you have ever been an IPCSA member—not on conference attendance or changes in job classification.

One final update: The Membership Committee will now operate under the Representative Chair. This change is designed to better align membership initiatives with member engagement and outreach as we continue to grow and strengthen our Association.

There are many opportunities to get involved with IPCSA. To learn more about membership and upcoming events, visit www.ipcsa.org and follow IPCSA on Facebook.

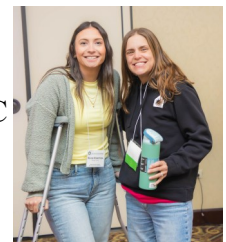
If you have questions about membership, please contact Deborah Norman at dnorman@lakecountyl.gov or Lissa Desplinter at ldesplinter@co.rock-island.il.us.

Nominations / Elections Committee

See pages 11-15 for Election Information

Officer Safety and Wellness Committee

Co-Chair Kelsey Roberts, Morgan County, presents the prize to the winner of the OSWC Committee activity during Spring Conference.



COMMITTEE REPORTS (con't)

Pretrial Services Committee

In 2026 the committee continued to provide a Pretrial training track in collaboration with the Office of Statewide Pretrial Services (OSPS), the Illinois Supreme Court Judicial College Committee on Pretrial Education (CPTE) and the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA). At the Spring conference, all of the Pretrial track trainings were highly attended and received very positive reviews!

The committee looks forward to continue providing Pretrial trainings at Fall conference and assist with networking, supporting and fostering communication among all Pretrial professionals and Pretrial agencies across Illinois.

As always, the committee welcomes anyone to join who is interested in promoting best practices in Pretrial Services and supporting Pretrial agencies across the state.

Problem-Solving Court & Substance Abuse Committee

The Substance Abuse and Problem Solving Court Committee is currently transitioning co-chairs. Recently, our previous two prestigious co-chairs stepped down and sought interest of others to step into the role. We have one co-chair but need another. Please let Lissa Desplinter (ldesplinter@co.rock-island.il.us) know if you are interested.

We are looking forward to the upcoming conference in DuPage County in October and hope to see several attendees at the committee meeting. The committee meets twice a year at the Spring and Fall conferences and may meet virtually if needed to prepare for each conference. The committee has several goals, some being:

- Maintaining the membership of our committee
- Developing ongoing professional education for the membership
- Increasing public awareness regarding substance abuse and mental health related issues
- Working with the Legislative Committee to review any pending legislation that may be relevant to our work
- Organize a fundraiser at the committee table each conference to raise funds for a local non-profit organization



Plaque presented to Kim Reed, Kane County, for her time as Co-Chair of the Problem-Solving Court & Substance Abuse Committee.

Also, recognized with a plaque was Christine Winters, Effingham County for her time as Co-Chair of the Problem-Solving Court & Substance Abuse Committee. (photo not available)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (con't)

Program Committee

The Program Committee is eagerly awaiting the Fall 2026 IPCSA Conference, scheduled for October 28th through October 30th at the Westin Chicago Northwest in Itasca! Hosted by the 18th Circuit, DuPage County. We are thrilled to welcome Amanda Carrasco as our keynote speaker, a true champion for community and restorative justice. Amanda's story as a survivor of both a family homicide and sexual assault is incredibly powerful, and she channels those experiences into making a real difference for others. Her passion and insight will spark meaningful conversations and leave everyone inspired.

Looking forward, the Spring Conference will be hosted by the 22nd Circuit in McHenry County. Our committee is all about identifying engaging and valuable training sessions. We would love to hear your ideas or referrals! If you are interested in joining us or have a training suggestion, connect with Jacqueline Juodis at jjjuodis@kendallcountyil.gov. For vendor suggestions please reach out to Nick Buccieri at nbuccieri@dekalbcounty.org for more information.

Representative Committee

Hello Everyone!

I am honored to serve as your new Representative Chair. I certainly have big shoes to fill following the departure of Deborah Norman. On behalf of the Association, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Deborah for her years of dedication, leadership, and valuable contributions to IPCSA.

Since becoming Representative Chair, I have had the opportunity to see firsthand the incredible work our committee Co-Chairs do. Each committee plays an important role in the success of our Association, and I am truly grateful for the time, energy, and commitment each Co-Chair brings to their committee.

During our recent committee meeting, several important updates were discussed. All committees are asked to notify the Representative Committee of any changes to their leadership, including new appointments, resignations, or role transitions. To improve communication and make sharing resources easier, we are also exploring the creation of a shared drive for all committee Co-Chairs. More information regarding access and usage will be shared as it becomes available.

As we prepare for the upcoming business meeting, each committee should have a Co-Chair present to provide a brief committee report. If a Co-Chair is unable to attend, please submit a written summary of your committee's recent activities in advance so it can be presented on your behalf. We have also created a new sign-in sheet to ensure we have current contact information for everyone in attendance.

For committee members who are unable to attend in person, Co-Chairs will be responsible for creating and distributing a Zoom link if virtual participation is being offered.

Thank you to all of our committee members and Co-Chairs for your continued dedication to IPCSA. Your commitment is what makes our Association strong, and I look forward to working alongside each of you.

For more information about the Association or any of our committees, please visit www.ipcsa.org, follow us on Facebook, or contact Lissa DeSplinter, Representative Chair, at ldesplinter@co.rock-island.il.us or 309-558-3789.

Lissa DeSplinter

PROCLAMATION

Governor declares July 19-25, 2026 as Probation, Pretrial and Detention Officer Appreciation Week in Illinois



WHEREAS, the safety of Illinoisians and the rights of crime victims require a competent and thorough administration of the criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois law requires that all counties must provide full-time Probation and Court Services to provide a wide range of sentencing options and a progression of services to protect and safeguard every Illinois community; and,

WHEREAS, the range of services provided by Illinois Probation and Court Services departments includes pretrial investigation and supervision, including pre-sentence investigations for adults and juveniles, juvenile detention screening and effective detention services, as well as post-disposition case management and supervision, both of which include cognitive-behavioral groups, utilization of Core Correctional Practices, Evidence-Based Practices, and Motivational Interviewing skills, among many other services; and,

WHEREAS, probation, pretrial, and detention professionals work in collaboration with police, prosecutors, the circuit court, treatment providers, and community organizations to provide supervision, programming, and services to both juveniles and adults; and,

WHEREAS, more than 106,000 juveniles and adults are currently sentenced to a continuum of services through which they receive active probation supervision and/or participate in court-ordered programs; and,

WHEREAS, more than 3,000 dedicated probation, pretrial, and detention officers supervise the vast majority of court-involved juveniles and adults in Illinois while implementing evidence-based programming to assist in developing the skills necessary to live a prosocial life; and,

WHEREAS, the probation, pretrial, and detention officers work professionally and diligently to continuously seek avenues to improve the administration of criminal justice, officer job performance, the availability of resources and programming, accountability for harm done, as well as proactive changes made by those under their charge, and public safety through continuing education in alignment with the Illinois Supreme Court Judicial College, as well as participation in professional organizations such as the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim July 19-25, 2026, as **Probation, Pretrial, and Detention Officer Appreciation Week** in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this FIRST *day of* JULY *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-SIX*, and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and SEVENTH *.*

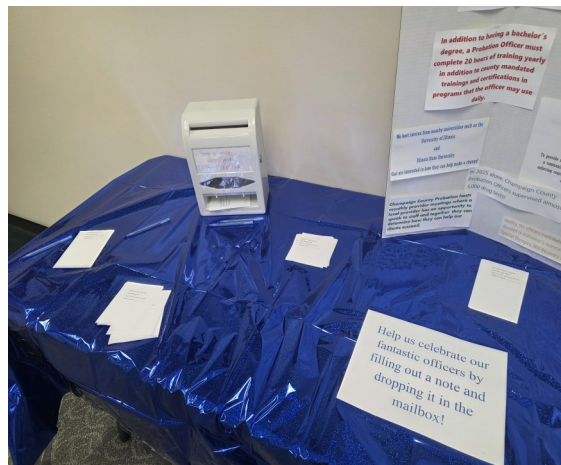
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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR

PO WEEK CELEBRATIONS

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

In the beginning of July, our interns decorated a bulletin board to reflect our officers are “SUPERHEROES”! The week prior to Probation Officer’s Week, we set up a table in the lobby that educated clients and visitors about Probation. We offered a way for them to write a positive note about their officer. We then spent the week spoiling our officers. Every day, we left treats for them to enjoy in the morning such as a bag of popcorn with a note stating “Just poppin to say thank you for all you do!!” We kicked off the week with breakfast on Monday. Supervisor Roesch brought biscuits and employed her husband to make his “world famous” gravy. We had scrambled eggs, fruit, bagels, coffee and juice. Even though she was away at conference, Dir. Siders catered barbeque from Black Dog Smoke & Ale House on Tuesday. PO Taylor surprised everyone with darling cookies decorated as drug specimen cups, vests, court files and coffee mugs! Wednesday, we walked around mid-afternoon with a “snack cart” filled with turkey and beef sticks, candy, fruit snacks, chocolate, Oreo’s, Rice Krispie treats and more. We were visited by members of our Human Resources department and they provided a light breakfast for the following morning. They talked with staff, recognizing their dedication to help implement change with heavy workloads. On Thursday, we rented yard games such as ax throwing and Jenga and encouraged officers to take a break and join in a friendly game of competition. Our officers were also surprised with a visit from the University of Illinois Police Department’s therapy dogs, Rosie and Stevie. Friday, Dir. Siders returned from training and we celebrated the final day with lunch from Rosati’s Pizza. While enjoying the lunch, management read aloud some of the comments that clients left showing everyone the impact they have on each and every client.

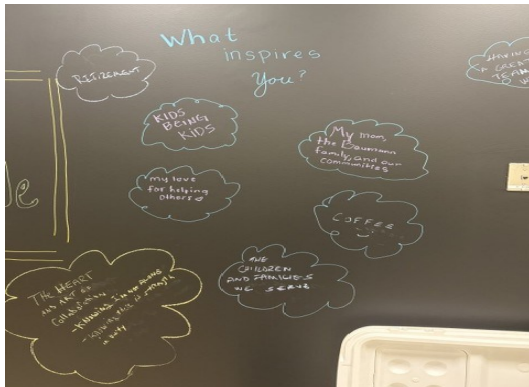
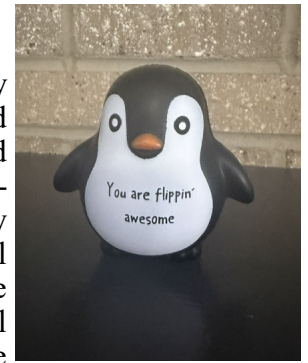


(Submitted by
Amanda Wells)

PO WEEK CELEBRATIONS

COOK COUNTY JUVENILE

Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week was celebrated by the Cook County Juvenile Probation Department with a variety of activities. On Monday, we started the week with ice cream and frozen treats for staff, in addition to the snacks and drinks available all week for staff. Tuesday we had a visit from Chiro-One for 10-minute chair massages and some friendly furry visitors from the Cook County Sheriff's Department's Tails of Redemption program, which takes dogs from local shelters and allows incarcerated individuals to train and work with them to prepare them for adoption and/or therapy dog services. Wednesday was our Back to School Expo for youth, where we had several community providers available to provide access to community resources, educational resources, employment information, school supplies, and immunizations for youth and families as they prepare for the upcoming school year. Thursday we gave staff an opportunity to share what inspires them on our chalkboard wall, and Friday we gave out squishy penguins so staff could be reminded staff "You are flipping awesome." Overall, it was a great week and we look forward to making it bigger and better next year!



(Submitted by Sharon Throw-Koc)



PO WEEK CELEBRATIONS

COOK COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE

26th Street Courthouse



Rolling Meadows Courthouse



Maywood Courthouse



Cook County Social Service Department

CELEBRATES

American Probation & Parole Association's 2026

Probation, Probation & Parole Supervision Week

Connected for Change: Building Bridges in Supervision

DRESS DOWN DAYS

Gym shoes allowed.
Court staff to adhere to dress code.

Wednesday
July 22nd

Tropical Day

Bring a little sunshine by wearing tropical-inspired attire.

Thursday
July 23rd

Throwback Day

Wear attire inspired by a past era, whether it's the groovy '70s, colorful '80s, iconic '90s, or early 2000s.

Friday
July 24th

SSD Spirit Day

Wear blue & gold or attire displaying the SSD logo.



Megan Walker
Chief Probation Officer



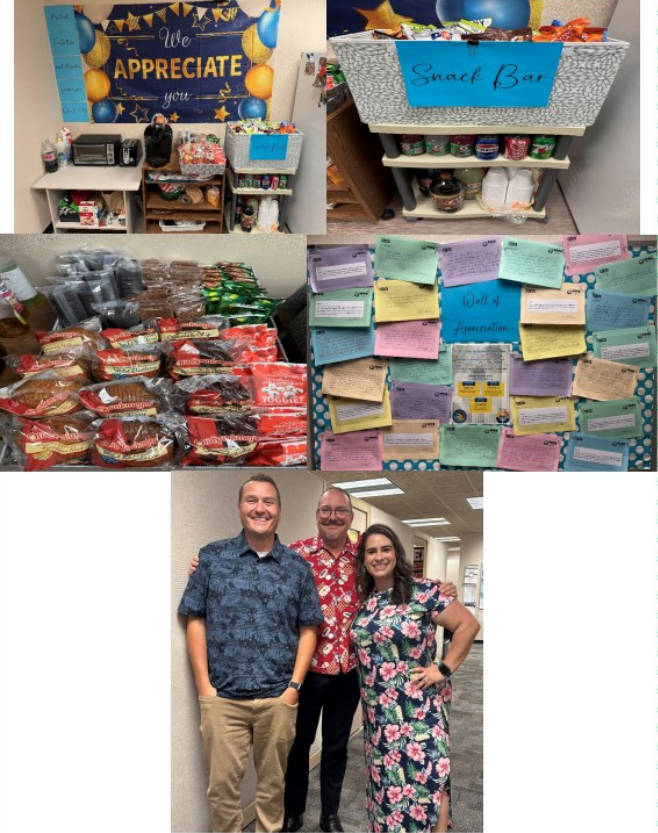
Skokie Courthouse



PO WEEK CELEBRATIONS

COOK COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE

Bridgeview Courthouse



Markham Courthouse



111th & Pullman Courthouse



Harrison & Kedzie Courthouse



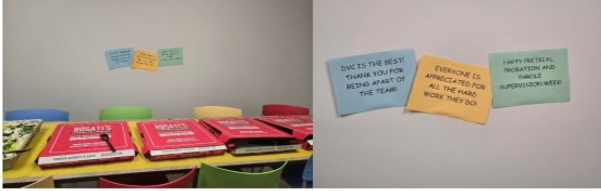
Grand & Central Courthouse



PO WEEK CELEBRATIONS

COOK COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE

Domestic Violence Courthouse



Daley Center Courthouse



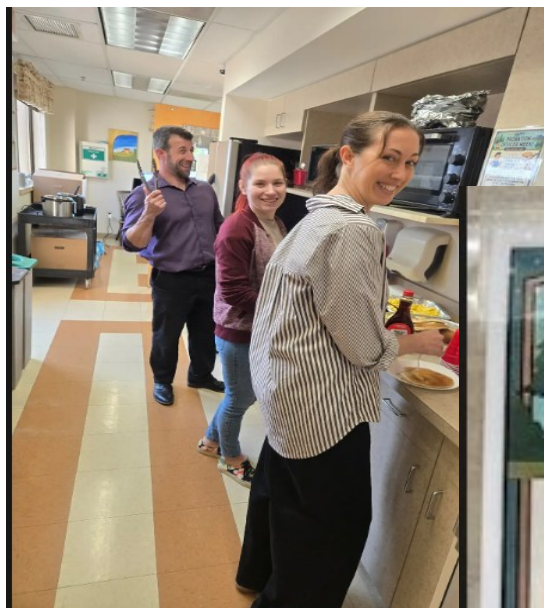
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Samantha Thiesse)*



PO WEEK CELEBRATIONS

DEKALB COUNTY

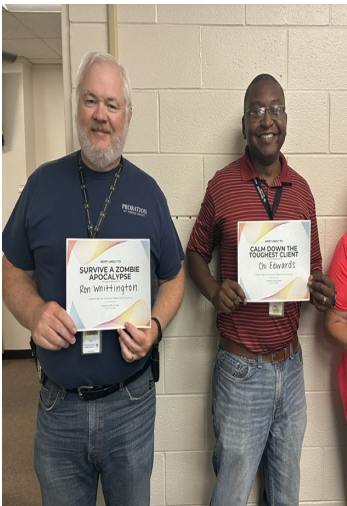
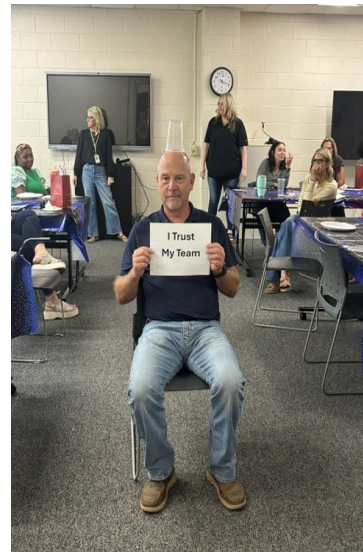
DeKalb County Court Services had a PO Week to remember! The week was themed “Adventure Awaits” and was based on camping! The week included email bingo and ‘s’mores on Monday. “Camp-style” games like Charades, Two Truths & a Lie, Pass the Present and board games over the lunch hour on Tuesday. Wednesday, we had a camp like luncheon with hot dogs and walking tacos, along with a viewing of the movie Up. Thursday management made breakfast for the office consisting of biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, and pancakes! Thursday also included an adventure themed photo scavenger hunt at the Sycamore Forest Preserve. Ice cream treats were provided by management on Friday.



(Submitted by Geoff Livengood)

PO WEEK CELEBRATIONS

KANKAKEE COUNTY



Happy PROBATION Officers WEEK

JULY 20-24, 2026

MONDAY 7/20 Kick off PROBATION OFFICERS WEEK in your FAVORITE SNEAKERS, SPORTS JERSEY, AND JEANS! ...and at 2:30 PM, all of you "NACHO AVERAGE OFFICERS" can stop by the JUVENILE BREAKROOM for an afternoon NACHO BAR SNACK!

TUESDAY 7/21 YOU'RE KIND OF A BIG DILL DILLY BARS FOR ALL!

WEDNESDAY 7/22 BAGEL BAR WILL BE OUT IN THE MORNING IN THE JUVENILE BREAKROOM

THURSDAY 7/23 THIRSTY THURSDAY FUN DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE AFTERNOON!

FRIDAY 7/24 PROBATION COOKOUT 11AM-1PM UPSTAIRS IN THE PROBATION CONFERENCE ROOM



(Submitted by Andrea Fox)

PO WEEK CELEBRATIONS

LAKE COUNTY

Each year, in recognition of our Probation Officers' dedication and commitment to serving the community, Lake County Adult Probation hosts an annual Probation Officers Appreciation Luncheon at the lakefront to celebrate and thank our staff for their outstanding work.



Managers setting up for the picnic-Mother Nature provided us with a beautiful day.



(Submitted by Margaret Fontana)

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Membership is for active members of IPCSA who retire after ten (10) years of active service and participation to the Association. The member is eligible for voting lifetime membership without further payment of dues upon approval from the Executive Board. A written petition for any eligible member must be submitted to the Executive Board for approval. An active member of IPCSA must fill out the form requesting honorary membership status for a member of the Association who has retired. The Honorary Membership Petition Form is available on line at www.ipcsa.org.

PO WEEK CELEBRATIONS

McHENRY COUNTY



ADD SOME FUN TO YOUR DAYS

PPWS

PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND
PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK

JULY 20TH - 24TH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Video Games LCR 12pm - 4pm	Bags Tournament LCR 9am-3pm Sign-Up on Ryan's Door	Picnic Lunch LCR 11am - 1pm Burgers/Hotdogs will be provided Sign-up Sheet in Kitchen
Thursday	Friday	
Take a Walk! At your leisure Video Games LCR 11am - 2pm	Casual Day! Jess's Iced Coffee Bar 1-2pm Kitchen (Sign-up in Kitchen) Time Off Announced	

SOMETHING NEW EVERYDAY



(Submitted by Seth Krause)

PO WEEK CELEBRATIONS

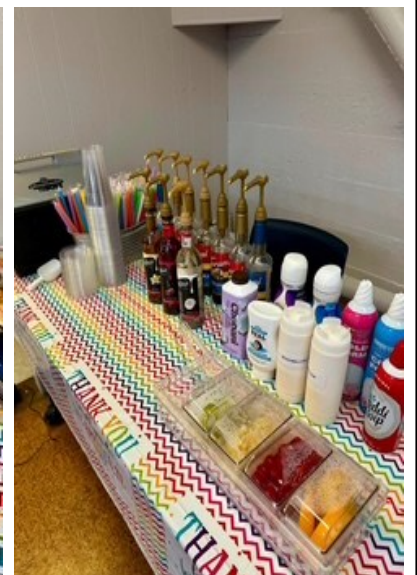
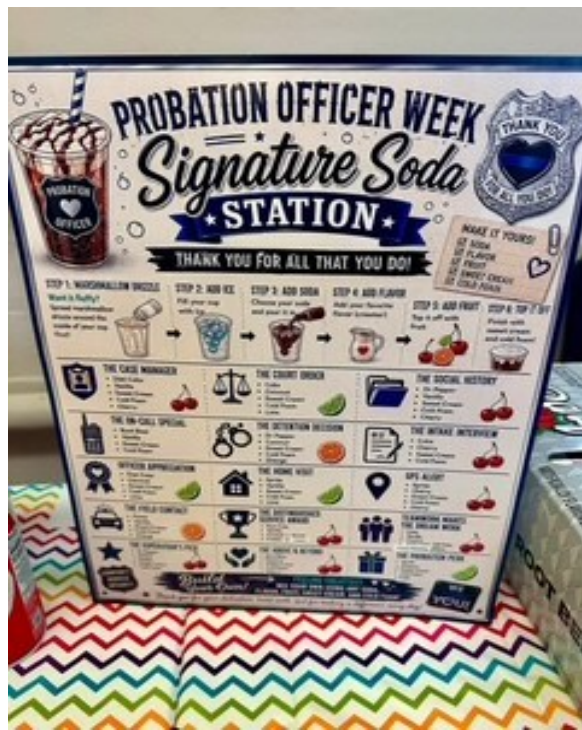
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

We had an incredible week here at Rock Island County Court Services celebrating Probation Officers Week. I am so grateful to work alongside such a dedicated, compassionate, and talented group of professionals.

As a member of the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association (IPCSA) Executive Board and Co-Chair of the Awards Committee, I also have the privilege of learning about the outstanding work being done by probation, court services, and detention professionals across the State of Illinois. Networking with so many professionals and hearing the stories of lives being changed through their dedication is truly inspiring.

This week has been a wonderful reminder that while our work is often challenging, it is also incredibly rewarding. Thank you to all probation and court services professionals for your dedication, compassion, and commitment to making a difference very since day.

And, as IPCSA President Carla Stalnaker says, you are all ROCKSTARS!



IPCSA COMMITTEE INFORMATION



Committees provide numerous functions for the Association. Whether it is developing training, working with vendors, helping with legislation or fundraising, the Committees are vital to the future of our Association. It is necessary to receive permission from your Chief Managing Officer to join a Committee. Please contact any of the following chairpersons if you want information or would like to join a committee.

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