Department of Probation

| Quick Stats | | | |
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| Agency | Program/Policy Start Date | Number Served Annually | Annual Budget |
| Department of Probation | Policy: Aug 2010 Program: Dec 2011 | All DOP clients under direct supervision | Redistributing existing DOP staff |
| Problem Statement | People on probation are more likely to be successful if they have access to a wide range of opportunities that build on their strengths, needs and interests. The NeON approach maximizes use of valuable resources and services in the neighborhoods where clients live, and engages with community partners in supporting clients, their families and community efforts | | |
| Research and Evidence | This approach is consistent with Justice Reinvestment¹ principles as well as grounded in the eight principles of Evidence-Based Policies and Practices supported by the federal Bureau of Justice Administration and the National Institute of Correctionsⁱⁱ: 1. Assess Risk and Needs 2. Build Motivation 3. Target Interventions (Including Treatment and Sanctions) Based on Risk and Needs 4. Use Cognitive Behavioral Techniques to Teach and Practice New Skills. 5. Increase Positive Reinforcement 6. Engage Ongoing Support in Natural Communities 7. Measure Relevant Processes/Practices 8. Provide Measurement Feedback | | |
| Program Description | DOP is relocating probation services out of court houses into neighborhoods with large concentrations of people on probation. It is joining local networks in these communities and will work with them to address the needs of clients on Probation and, at the same time, work with clients and community partners in efforts to benefit the community. While some sites will be opened in communities with high a high volume of clients, the goal is to support a "community-focused" mindset in the supervision of clients on probation, regardless of the location. The model NeONs will be most visible, but relationship-building with community partners will promote opportunities for a community presence to serve probationers in multiple settings. | | |
| Implementation Timeline | The Brownsville site opened in12/11, the Harlem site on 6/12, and the South Jamaica site on 7/12. South Bronx is scheduled to open 8/12, Staten Island 9/12, and East NY late fall of 2012. | | |
| Target Population | All probationers under direct supervision in New York City. Some exceptions might need to be made but the idea is to apply this concept to everyone except the lowest risk population which is reporting electronically. | | |
| Expected Outcomes | Fully functional NeON system, base line research plan in place to begin collecting data and measuring outcomes. | | |

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ⁱ Justice Reinvestment: a data-driven approach to reduce corrections spending and reinvest savings in strategies that can decrease crime and strengthen neighborhoods

ⁱⁱ Adapted from Crime and Justice Institute (2009). Implementing Evidence-Based Policy and Practice in Community Corrections, 2nd ed., Washington, DC: National Institute of Corrections.