

# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

PARTNERSHIP FOR SUCCESS

THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF THE FINGER LAKES

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS

WITH YOUTH, FOR YOUTH

ONTARIO COUNTY YOUTH COURT



2000-2015  
 Celebrating  
 15 Years!

NEVER ALONE CLUB

The MISSION of the Partnership is to create, support and administer alliances to cultivate positive social change.

The VISION of the Partnership is an environment where all people are hopeful, engaged & thriving.

Incorporated in 1998, the Partnership for Ontario County is an independent non-profit organization. With offices in Canandaigua, NY, the Board of Directors and the Partnership team create, support and administer alliances to cultivate positive social change.



## President's Message



**Philip Povero**  
President

An American poet, Lucy Larcom (1893) said, "He who plants a tree, plants a hope". What better reflection for the Partnership for Ontario County! Each day, we plant the "seeds of hope" to help our children and families live productive lives and to envision a positive future.

In this last year, we planted programming seeds to reduce the incidences of medication and heroin abuses in our community. We are planting seeds to open the first school-based Youth Court, to expand the number of schools in our Family Support Centers, and to welcome new youth-oriented programs to the Partnership. We recently relocated the Partnership's Child Advocacy to our new and central location in Canandaigua. Our tree of hope for the community is growing and blossoming!

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Partnership Team, Volunteers, and Program Participants, thank you for your active engagement and community spirit. With your support, we are providing critical services to create a community that is hopeful, engaged and thriving, today and for generations to come.

## The Partnership Team

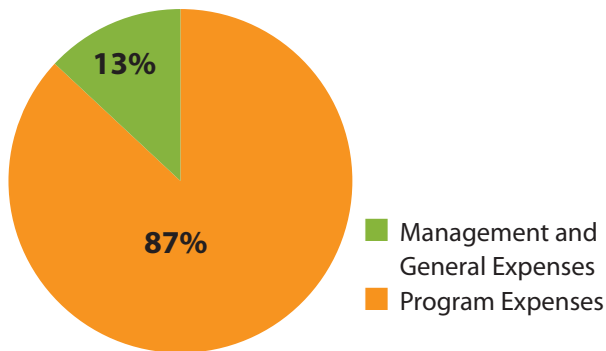


Front row, L to R: **Yvonne Vazquez**, Youth Court Coordinator ; **Petrea Rae**, Coalition Coordinator; **Katie Harris**, Office Manager. Back row L to R: **Nancy Seeley**, Never Alone Club Program Director; **Deb Holland**, Youth Court and FSC Program Director; **Bonnie Ross**, Partnership Executive Director; **Jennifer Brownell**, CAC Program Director; **Jo Ann Shepard**, FSC Program Director; and **Jennifer Guelzow**, CAC Coordinator of Services. **Nancy McAllister**, Bookkeeper (not pictured).

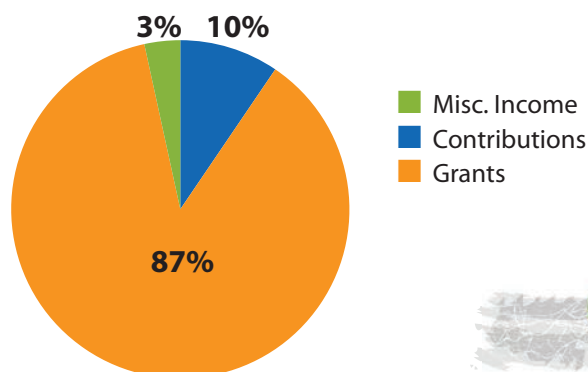
With gratitude and great appreciation to: **Nelson Acquilano**, Partnership Board member from 2004 to 2015; **Becca Rice**, Office Manager, Summer 2015; **Rebecca Gamba**, Grant Writer; and **Lynne Gochenaur**, Family Support Center Program Director, 2014-2015.

## 2014 Financial Report for The Partnership of Ontario County, Inc.

### Program Expenses



### Support and Revenue



Since 2013  
The Partnership  
has grown its  
service to the  
community by

**80%**



# How The Partnership Serves the Community

The Partnership serves close to **2,000** individuals with over **200** volunteers

With preventive services, The Partnership reduces community costs well over **\$600,000** a year

**92%** of students going through **Youth Court** (ages 16-18) have not been charged with commission of an adult Misdemeanor or Felony crime within 3 years.

**Youth Court** hears approximately **50** cases and trains **40** volunteers annually.

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The **Child Advocacy Center** serves approximately **200** sexual, physical, and maltreatment abuse investigations a year; since 2008, served almost **1200** cases.

The Partnership was honored by the U.S. DEA for the collection of over **9,000 pounds** in unused medications.

## The Partnership is increasing its services for youth and families in 2015!

- In February 2015, the Partnership opened the Family Support Counseling Centers in Canandaigua and Phelps Clifton Springs School Districts. In September, the Centers were opened in Geneva and Marcus Whitman School Districts.
- In May 2015, the Partnership was awarded a grant from the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to implement strategies for the reduction of medication and heroin abuses.
- Over 500 individuals attended the Partnership's heroin forums in Geneva, Canandaigua and Victor to educate the community on the issues of heroin in our community.
- The Partnership welcomed two youth organizations into its agency: With Youth, For Youth and Never Alone Club.
- The Partnership supported the Nowhere to Go initiative for homelessness by participating in surveys to assess community need and to distribute coats to the unsheltered in the winter months.

# 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**\* Philip Povero**  
*President*  
*Sheriff of Ontario County*



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*Chief Executive Officer Break The Ice Media*



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*Member*  
*Chaplain for the Ontario County Jail*



**Joanne Wright**  
*Member*  
*Broker/Owner Stargazer Property Group*



**Bob Zimmerman**  
*Member*  
*Attorney Zimmerman & Tyo, Attorneys*

## PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

### ONTARIO COUNTY YOUTH COURT

A voluntary alternative to traditional juvenile justice and an alternative to school violations that may result in suspension. Those who choose Youth Court appear before a court of their peers and have the opportunity to take responsibility for their actions.

**Deb Holland, Program Director**  
(585) 396-4519 • [OntarioCountyYouthCourt.com](http://OntarioCountyYouthCourt.com)

### CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF THE FINGER LAKES

A child-friendly location where allegations of physical or sexual abuse are responded to by a multidisciplinary team of professionals. From the time of the report through the end of the case, the team works together to conduct a thorough investigation and provide necessary support services to children and their non-offending caregivers.

**Jennifer Brownell, Program Director**  
(585) 394-2573 • [cacfingerlakes.org](http://cacfingerlakes.org)

### FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS

The Centers provide free prevention and intervention counseling to youth and families in participating Ontario County school districts. Using a positive outcome model known as Solution Focused Brief Therapy, the counseling sessions address risk factors related to academic performance, school attendance, family functioning, discipline problems and/or health related concerns.

**Jo Ann Shepard and Deb Holland, Program Directors**  
(585) 396-4554 • [PartnershipForOntarioCounty.org](http://PartnershipForOntarioCounty.org)

### PARTNERSHIP FOR SUCCESS

A community coalition that meets regularly to implement strategies to reduce medication and heroin abuses. In addition, this coalition presents educational forums regarding the heroin epidemic and helps to organize community take-back days of unwanted medications. This coalition has installed two medication drop boxes in Canandaigua and the City of Geneva.

**Petrea Rae, Coalition Coordinator**  
(585) 396-4554 • [PartnershipForOntarioCounty.org](http://PartnershipForOntarioCounty.org)

### NEVER ALONE CLUB

An initiative that provides a fun, safe, and alcohol and drug free place for students to be on Saturday nights. Special events are held including camping, bowling, geo-caching, picnics, as well as educational workshops and speakers.

**Nancy Seeley, Program Director**  
(585) 410-4611 • [theneveraloneclub.wix.com/neveraloneclub](http://theneveraloneclub.wix.com/neveraloneclub)

### WITH YOUTH FOR YOUTH

An initiative of Ontario County communities working collaboratively with youth, for youth. Youth and adults work together to ensure youth participation in and development of community activities in which youth are involved.

**Call The Partnership**  
(585) 396-4554 • [PartnershipForOntarioCounty.org](http://PartnershipForOntarioCounty.org)

### YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

A national project designed to help adults working with youth to understand the prevalence of various mental health issues and the need to reduce stigma in communities.

**Jo Ann Shepard and Deb Holland, Instructors**  
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