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MIDDLESEX COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS PROBATION AWARD *Wainwright Honored for Diligence and Professionalism*

Atlantic City, N.J. Middlesex County Court Master Probation Officer Stephen Wainwright was honored by the Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) as the organization's Probation Officer of the Year, considered one of the highest honors within the community supervision system.

Brad Fairchild, president of PANJ, praised Wainwright for his extraordinary professionalism and his years of devoted service to Middlesex County and its juvenile population.

"We are honored to present this award to such a deserving individual. As a leader in his field, Steve has brought incredible compassion, intelligence, and professionalism to the community supervision system," said Fairchild. "Stephen is sought out not only by Probation Officers, but other professionals from within and without the judiciary to confer on difficult cases. Judges sitting in Middlesex County Superior Court Family Division know Steve is the Officer with whom they should speak regarding dispositional alternatives, and treatment providers."

Mr. Wainwright, who currently represents Middlesex County on the Positive Interventions Committee and the Staff Safety Committee, has been lauded by his peers for his wealth of knowledge and his dedication to families and community welfare. In addition, many community and school leaders have consulted with him and sought his opinion when implementing new programs to serve the juvenile population. Despite an increasing caseload and more responsibilities, he goes out of his way to impart his knowledge of effective supervision techniques to other supervision officers.

Wainwright received the award at this year's 71st annual PANJ Educational Foundation training institute entitled "*Information-Interaction-Innovation*" which addresses new techniques and tools afforded to probation officers in the technological age.

At the gathering, outstanding leaders among probation officers and court supervisors, as well as Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick, received awards for their commitment and dedication to supervising offenders.

With an estimated 139,000 adults and 20,000 juveniles under probation system, New Jersey is the nation's ninth largest adult probation system. There are approximately 2,800 probation officers and supervisors in New Jersey.

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