

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**The Annual Jeanne E. Jonas Professional Development Symposium  
and Frank W. Masterson Memorial Banquet**

The Steering Committee for the Jeanne E. Jonas Professional Development Symposium and Frank W. Masterson Memorial Banquet, which is a collaboration amongst Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. (MHA), Orange County Department of Mental Health, and Orange Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce that the Symposium and Banquet will be held on **Monday, November 10, 2014** at the Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown, New York from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

At the Banquet, the Masterson Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Doug Hovey, Executive Director of Independent Living, Inc. for his many years of dedicated, professional service and significant contributions to enhancing the quality of life for persons with disabilities in Orange County.

The topic of this year's Jeanne E. Jonas Professional Development Symposium will be

"THERAPEUTIC JUSTICE"

An alternative to jails, emergency rooms and the streets for many citizens who are severely ill and

vulnerable; utilizing the public safety net in a cost efficient manner and ultimately

improving quality of life to all!

A presentation on therapeutic justice will be presented by Leon Evans, a passionate and lifelong advocate for improving the quality of mental health care. Leon has worked in hospitals, community organizations, and state agencies throughout his career. As head of the Center for Health Care Services for over a decade, he developed an award-winning jail diversion program and has become a national leader in improving mental health care through multi-stakeholder collaboration.

The cost is \$30 per person all-inclusive. For additional information or reservations, call MHA at (845) 342-2400 ext. 257 or email: [clindsell@mharorangeny.com](mailto:clindsell@mharorangeny.com)