

Rural Justice Institute receives federal funding

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U.S. Representative John R. "Randy" Kuhl, Jr. (R-Hammondsport) today announced the federal budget includes an additional \$300,000 for the Rural Justice Institute (RJI) at Alfred University. The funds are to be used to develop more effective services for troubled youth that are still in school and victims of domestic violence."The Rural Justice Institute (RJI) is doing some great work with troubled youth and their families in Allegany County," said Kuhl. "Kids who are exposed to domestic violence are in great need of help to heal the wounds caused by their experiences and set them on the right track. The RJI at Alfred University has developed a network of justice agencies, schools, and social service agencies to coordinate and deliver critical resources for these youth, and these funds will go toward continuing work in that area." "Randy deserves a great deal of credit for securing the funds for the Rural Justice Institute at Alfred University," said Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-CA), Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. "Randy worked long and hard to convince the appropriators of the importance of this program, and the committee is pleased to be able to help meet the needs of at-risk youth by designating funds for Alfred University to continue its ground-breaking work with young victims of domestic violence."The RJI and Alfred University have been successful in developing and delivering many services for troubled youth working in conjunction with the Allegany County domestic violence agency, Youth Court, Probation Office, and Sheriff's Department.