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## The Role of the Probation and Parole Officer

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I am often asked "So... what do you do?" That is a very difficult question to answer. First of all, the public for the most part, has absolutely no idea what a Probation and Parole Officer really does!

The truth is...We wear many hats: Mentor, Role Model, Coach, Teacher, Consultant, Peace Officer, Court Liaison Officer, Class D Officer,

Agent for Change and the list continues.

The role of the PO has always been BOTH compliance and rehabilitation. Often these two aspects of the job are at odds with one another.

On one hand we must advise and inform the court as to both successes and violations; on the other hand we also dedicate a portion of the supervision

strategy to some degree of behavior change due to the fact that without some sequence of change; there will be no success.

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**GED testing is free again this year until June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Website is below  
[http://knowhow2goky.org/adults/adults\\_ged.php](http://knowhow2goky.org/adults/adults_ged.php)



## Kentucky Division of Probation and Parole

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Division of Probation and Parole is to enhance public safety and promote offender reintegration in the community through proactive supervision and referral to community based resources.



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## Duties of the Probation and Parole Officer:

- Writing Pre-Sentence Investigations
- Providing Supervision (including Home Incarceration Program)
- Court appearances and testimony
- Reports to the Releasing Authority
- Conducting Home Visits
- Monthly Record Checks
- Conducting Urinalysis Tests
- Registering Sex Offenders
- Office and Field Arrests
- Transporting Offenders
- Investigating Parole Placements
- Coordinating cases with the Social Services Clinician
- Referring Offenders to Appropriate Resources
- Monitoring Sex Offender Treatment
- Monitoring Payments
- Supervising Class D programs in local jails
- Assisting with Restoration of Civil Rights
- Teaching Reentry classes



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## MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**QUESTION:** “Do you know anyone who is hiring?”

**ANSWER:** Offenders are given the most up to date employment resources we have including recent tips sent through email or via our reentry coordinators. In Jefferson County, offenders are also referred to the Goodwill Reentry By Design Program.

**QUESTION:** “How long do I have to report?”

**ANSWER:** Offenders are advised that they shall report at intervals directed by their Parole Officer. The amount of time an offender reports is based on their sentence length. Offenders may also be told about levels of supervision and the requirements to be placed on a less restrictive supervision status based on our risk/needs assessment.

**QUESTION:** “I want to apply for SSI. I heard that if you have been incarcerated at least 2 years you automatically qualify.”

**ANSWER:** Being incarcerated for any length of time does NOT qualify you for SSI. SSI is for individuals with a disability who are low income. A history of incarceration is not a disability.

**QUESTION:** “I am going to the Parole Board next month and I want you to submit my parole plan now.”

**ANSWER:** HB 463 allows you to be considered by the Parole Board 60 days before your parole eligibility date. Due to that, parole plans are not entered until you have actually been recommended parole. The only exception is when you plan to parole out of state.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### LEGAL AID SOCIETY

416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.

Louisville, KY 40202

Call your Legal Aid Society for the next "Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic"

Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosure defense, and landlord/tenant issues, wills and probate issues.

Prospective clients must meet federal poverty guidelines. For a family of four, the annual household income must be \$44,700 or less.

A reservation is required. Please call the following for additional information on times and locations: 502-614-3176

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## TYPE OF SUPERVISION CONDUCTED BY P&P OFFICERS

1. PROBATION
  - a. MISDEMEANOR
  - b. FELONY
2. PRETRIAL DIVERSION
3. PAROLE
4. MANDATORY REENTRY SUPERVISION
5. POST-INCARCERATION SUPERVISION
6. POST-INCARCERATION SEX OFFENDER SUPERVISION

**\*\*\*Next month District Supervisor Stonex will be providing part II of "The Role Of The P&P Officer," with information on Trends In Public Policy On Corrections.\*\*\***