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STAFF NEWSLETTER



The Role of the Probation and Parole Officer By Mark A. Stonex, 3rd District Supervisor

I am often asked “So... what do you do?” That is a very arduous 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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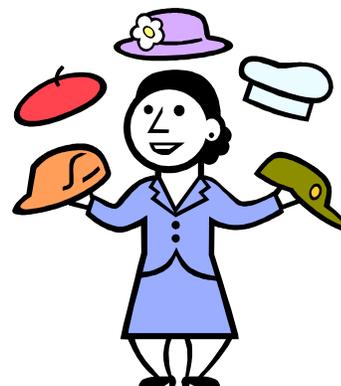
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Kentucky Division of Probation and Parole Mission Statement

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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- 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 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.

TYPE OF SUPERVISION CONDUCTED BY P&P

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.*****

Community Announcement

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

LEGAL AID SOCIETY
416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 584-1254



Foundations for Successful Reentry

by Ernie Entrican



The typical offender at LLCC who needs extra release assistance is an indigent sex offender with no place to go. When that happens, we usually help him with two weeks of motel costs and a little food money, which gives him temporary shelter while he hopefully searches for a job and transitions to more permanent living situation. Unfortunately, this offender has not typically saved any money from his prison job while he was incarcerated. Two weeks of rent at a motel in a strange town and some meager food money is really challenging.

A couple of months ago we had one such offender who happened to be a veteran. Through the Veteran's Club, he was able to obtain some assistance from the Veteran's Reentry Specialist in Lexington. We helped him with two weeks of rent at a Lexington motel and some food money. Hopefully, we pointed him in the right direction to get the social services he needs to get his life back to reasonable order. Only time will tell if he is able to be successful, but the fact that he has veteran's assistance makes him one of our more fortunate offenders.

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This scenario is the reality. The narrator of one of our reentry videos puts it this way: *"Baby, it's cold outside"*, takes on a whole new meaning when you are an inmate leaving the prison walls. What are you going to do? Where are you going to live? Where will you get money for living expenses?"

New reentry programs that address these issues will build a foundation of life skills and better prepare inmates for leaving tomorrow's prison walls. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, Pathfinders, New Direction (formerly Prison to the Streets) and others will give inmates the tools they need to not only face life on the outside but become successful, independent citizens and start preventing the harsh reality of today's "typical" reentry assistance case.

"TEAM LUCKETT"

"Ernie Entrican serves as Reentry Coordinator at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex. Having worked at three DOC facilities in his correction's career in a variety of positions, Ernie is well equipped to be an integral part of the continuing transition to improving our reentry efforts. His thoughtful approach to reentry along with his dedication and unquestioned work ethic makes him a valuable member of TEAM LUCKETT." said Warden Clark Taylor

NEW DIRECTION

By Cheryl A. Million

One of the challenges faced by the Reentry Branch and KARE Committee was to provide a program that addresses barriers for the offender population. The present program, "Prison To the Streets," addresses some of the barriers but in a very limited capacity. This program is taught for 20 hours once a month to a limited audience.

A great deal of thought, consideration and research has gone into the formation of a new program that will address barriers. One of the first issues addressed was the consistency factor. It was agreed that we needed a program that would be taught the same in all institutions with the same information. There has been much discussion as to the subjects that belong in the program, the length, who would teach, and how it would best be taught. We've discussed the criteria for entering the program and rewards upon completion. Next month we will be introducing the new program that will address this void and be continued by the PORTAL program that is taught in Probation and Parole.

The new program will be called "New Direction" and taught on a modular system. The class will meet once a week for one hour and several modules can be taught simultaneously. The offender population will be able to transfer and still have the opportunity to finish the program prior to release. Upon completion of the program the offender may receive 90 days sentence credit.

The Reentry Coordinators in each facility will be responsible for teaching the program and tracking the attendance and completion in the KOMS system. The offenders will begin the course 12-18 months prior to release or parole board appearance. In addition we will offer a "Booster" session for those that do not need the full curriculum or would like a review just before release.

The materials will be introduced at the May 2012 Reentry Staff Meeting along with the offender workbook. The course has been completely scripted with examples, videos, games, discussion suggestions and situational debates designed to enhance the thinking process.

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Debunking the Myths on Sex Offenders



The purpose of this training is to provide accurate information on individuals who commit sex crimes, laws regarding sex offenders and treatment and services provided to sex offenders. This is information that is important to advocate for social justice for this population, it is also important for victims and victim advocacy centers to incorporate an understanding of the perpetrator into working with victims/survivors. This event is for anyone who works with sex offenders or victims/survivors.

Date: May 1, 2012

Location: Kentucky Domestic Violence Association

111 Darby Shire Circle

Frankfort, KY

Time: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

(Registration begins at 8:30 am)

Cost: \$10.00 at the door

Lunch will be provided

Contact Person: Jacinda Lewis

Spalding University

Jlewisjobe@spalding.edu

Please RSVP by April 20, 2012

Debunking the Myths on Sex Offenders Registration

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Frankfort, KY

Time: 9:00 am-4:00 pm (Registration begins at 8:30 am)

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Organization _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Would you like your contact information shared with other attendees?
If yes please complete information below.

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

**ATTENTION:
GED INFORMATION**

GED testing is free again this year until June 30th.

Website is attached!

http://knowhow2goky.org/adults/adults_ged.php