I. DEFINITION

“Community resource” means a public or private agency that provides services in the areas of education, employment, vocation, social, economic and treatment to an eligible supervised offender.

II. POLICY and PROCEDURE

A. It is the policy of the Division of Probation and Parole to:

1. Identify the collective needs of an offender under supervision to assist with the delivery of services at least biannually.

2. Identify and continuously develop community resources to prevent crime and to establish a working relationship with agencies and organizations which provide services to a supervised offender. (1A-03)

3. Maintain, review, and update at least annually, a current inventory of the community resources that provide financial and other assistance to offenders, which shall be available to field staff and offenders. (2D-01)

B. Review

The Director of Probation and Parole, or designee, shall review the inventory of available community resources annually.

1. Each district shall annually review the available resources located within the district, identifying the needs of the supervised offender which may be served by community agencies;

2. Each district shall annually review the community resource directory, including the agencies and organizations in each area that provide economic assistance, social assistance, educational programs, employment services, vocational training, mental health and substance abuse treatment
services, or services for offenders with special needs. The directory shall be available through the Department of Corrections website. (2D-02; 2D-03)

C. Community Partnerships

Probation and Parole shall partner with community justice agencies and community stakeholders with the goal of preventing victimization, providing conflict resolution to offenders, and promoting public safety. (1A-01)

1. Probation and Parole shall collaborate in problem solving efforts with community partnerships to promote public safety through information sharing and community education efforts. (1A-02)

2. Probation and Parole shall collaborate with other criminal justice system agencies and community partnerships in information gathering and information exchange, to the extent allowed by policy and procedure. (3D-34)

3. Probation and Parole involvement in community partnerships shall be reported to the Director’s Office each month for review and tracking.

D. Staff Involvement in Community Efforts

All Probation and Parole staff shall be encouraged to be involved with community resource agencies. Staff shall be encouraged to support the agencies, whether serving on a board of directors, serving as an advisor or liaison to different agencies or other involvement. Field officers shall be instructed and trained in methods to obtain assistance for offenders from available community resources.