

**DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER I**

**DEFINITION**

Under general supervision, to investigate, assess and manage cases involving adult or juvenile offenders; to supervise a caseload of assigned probationers and monitor compliance with Probation conditions of adult or juvenile offenders through supervision, guidance and accountability; and to perform related work as required.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

This is the entry/training level class for the Probation Officer class series. Incumbents work under relatively close supervision, performing the most basic assignments. As experience is gained, incumbents perform more independent duties in Intake, Supervision, and Placement Programs.

**REPORTS TO**

Supervising Probation Officer, Chief Probation Officer

**CLASSIFICATIONS SUPERVISED**

None

## **DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER I - 2**

### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

- Receives adult and juvenile cases assigned by supervisor.
- Conducts an inquiry into the nature of the reported offense or conduct of the client and the circumstances surrounding it.
- Interviews clients regarding the charges against them and develops family history and background information.
- Interviews client's families and interested individuals to determine the nature of their environmental, employment, financial or marital difficulties.
- Talks to the referring law enforcement officer about the case.
- Prepares and submits a court report outlining pertinent information and recommending a course of action.
- Presents the report in court and answers the judge's questions concerning the case.
- May transport juveniles to/from court.
- Reviews the case files.
- Develop a plan for making regular contacts with the probationer and provide counsel, guidance, and support.
- Arranges for restitution payments to be made.
- Checks with others who are aware of probationer's activities.
- Monitors behavior to determine compliance with conditions of probation.
- Records contacts in the field book/case file.
- Reviews progress in the case with supervisor.
- Juvenile P.O. shall serve as on-call officer for juvenile problems during non-business hours.
- Adult P.O. may be asked to fulfill this duty as backup for juvenile division.
- Serves as intake officer in determining if a juvenile petition should be filed.
- Determines whether court action is necessary.
- Does crisis intervention as required.
- Conducts search and seizure of person, property and vehicles.
- May advise clients of available community resources.
- May be assigned to supervise Intensive Drug cases.
- Cooperates with State and local welfare, mental health, and law enforcement agencies in cases of mutual interest.
- Attend training programs yearly.
- Respond to citizen complaints and information requests.

## **DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER I - 3**

### **TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Sit for extended periods; frequently stand and walk; normal manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination; lift and move object weighing up to 50 pounds; sufficient physical ability and strength to defend self and deal with violent/aggressive individuals; corrected hearing and vision to normal range; verbal communication; use of office equipment including computers, telephones, calculators, copiers, and FAX.

### **TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS**

Work is performed in an office and in the field environment; continuous contact with staff and the public.

### **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Knowledge of:**

- Federal and State laws relating to probation work.
- Modern probation casework. Objectives, principles, and methods including individual and group behavior.
- Psychology as applied to both juvenile and adult offenders.
- Community, public and private agencies available for the probationer.
- Proficient writing techniques.

#### **Ability to**

- Learn the principles of adult and juvenile probation work and of related court procedures.
- Learn the provisions of the Civil, Penal, Welfare and Institutions, Education, Vehicle, Business and Profession, and Health and Safety Codes.
- Analyze investigation material and make proper deductions.
- Interview clients and elicit necessary information.
- Prepare and present effective written and oral reports.
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with probationers and others.
- Learn arrest, search and seizure procedures.
- Operate various office equipment including computer
- Make oral presentations and training before groups.
- Recognize health and behavior problems in juveniles and adults.
- Effectively interact with people from a variety of socio-economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds
- Effectively represent the Probation Department in contacts with the public and other County and law enforcement agencies.
- Exercise sound independent judgment within general policy and guidelines.
- Prepare, review, and analyze data.

## **DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER I - 4**

### **Training and Experience:**

Qualifications needed for this position:

Graduation from college with a Bachelor's degree in criminology, sociology, psychology, social work or closely related field. Some previous work experience in a probation related field is highly desirable.

OR

An Associate degree from an accredited college or university in criminal justice, behavioral science, or a related field, and two (2) years of related experience, including two (2) years as a Probation Assistant in the Plumas County Probation Department.

**Substitution:** A combination of related education, training, and experience performing duties such as custodial care, treatment counseling, probation, parole, corrections, criminal investigation, or other related law enforcement or counseling work may be substituted for the education at a rate of one (1) year of experience for each year of education requirement.

### **Licenses and Certifications:**

- Penal Code 832 requirements regarding arrest, search, and seizure within one year of employment.
- Ability to successfully complete 200 hours of instruction in the Basic Probation Course as certified by the Board of Corrections Certificate for Deputy Probation Officer Core Training within one year of employment. Evidence of continued compliance with annual training requirements.
- Possession of CPR /First Aid Certificate
- Must possess a valid driver's license at time of application and a valid California Drivers License by the time of appointment. The valid California License must be maintained throughout employment.
- Ability to qualify for training and background which will meet the requirements of California Government Code Sections 1029 and 1031. Individuals with a felony conviction may not apply for positions as peace officers.
- Must be able to meet physical and psychological standards and pass a detailed background investigation.

All County of Plumas employees are designated Disaster Service Workers through State law (California Government Code Section 3100-3109). Employment with Plumas County requires the affirmation of a loyalty oath to this effect. Employees are required to complete all Disaster Service Work related training as assigned, and to return to work as ordered in the event of an emergency.

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