COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

JOB DESCRIPTION: PROBATION OFFICER I - JUVENILE

DATE: **10/12/2015** 

EXEMPT (Y/N):NoJOB CODE:CSCDEPARTMENT:Community JusticeCLASSIFICATION:202SUPERVISOR:Juvenile Division SupervisorSALARY RANGE:25

UNION (Y/N): Yes LOCAL: AFSCME 1442

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES**: Work in conjunction with community resources and coordinate available services to provide ongoing care and supervision for juveniles and families. Perform professional casework services, counseling, crisis intervention, guidance and supervision of children and families under departmental jurisdiction. Typically, perform duties similar to Juvenile Probation Officer II but without a similar level of independence and individual judgment for decision making. Serve as and perform all duties assigned to 'Juvenile Counselors' under ORS 419A.010 (1) (a) and 419A.012. Do related work as required.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

Conduct personal interviews with troubled or delinquent minors, their parents and/or custodial supervisors to ascertain personal needs of the client. Confer with parents, law enforcement personnel, victims and others familiar with the juvenile to determine facts and dispositions in individual cases. Maintain chronological case histories on all clients.

Take youth who have violated court orders into custody.

Search offenders\* (person and property, such as rooms, school lockers, etc.) and collect samples for urinalysis (UA)\*.

Screen intake referrals for legal sufficiency and appropriate action in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office. Present social and jurisdictional histories, facts of cases and dispositional recommendations to the Court upon request. Carry out dispositions ordered by the Court.

Prepare correspondence, departmental reports, progress reports, legal petitions and court reports.

Correspond with and provide police reports, assessments, etc. to youth offenders' legal counsel.

Work with department staff, other social work agencies, schools, churches, public health agencies, law enforcement agencies and others to develop and implement treatment and rehabilitation programs for individual cases.

Evaluate placement decisions and supervise youth in and out of home placement, residential care and detention.

Provide secure transport of juveniles\* with knowledge and use of correct restraints.

Develop curriculum and coordinate youth diversion programs. Prepare or assisting in preparation of grants, written reports and record keeping necessary for effective operation of youth programs.

Assist in data compilation for the annual report and other statistical analyses of departmental activities.

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Address schools, social service agencies and civic groups regarding juvenile law, departmental programs, activities and related matters. Participate in local community assistance programs.

Participate in 24 hour, seven day a week on-call status for crises intervention, intake, counseling, placement and referral services for juveniles and families.

Follow all safety rules and procedures established for work areas. Comply with all relevant County policies and procedures.

**SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES**: Supervision is not a normal responsibility of this position.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED**: Work under the direct supervision of the Juvenile Division Supervisor who assigns and reviews work for conformance to established procedures and methods in conjunction with the Community Justice Director.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

**EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE**: Graduation from a four year college or university with major course work in social casework, corrections, sociology, or psychology. One year of experience in social work dealing with juveniles. Any satisfactory equivalent combination of experience and training which demonstrates the ability to perform the above described duties may be acceptable.

**CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS**: Possession of, or the ability to obtain within a short time period, State certification as a Juvenile Probation Officer. Possession of an appropriate Oregon motor vehicle operator's license and must be insurable under the County's liability coverage.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITY**: Considerable knowledge of behavior and adjustment problems in juveniles and methods of treatment. Considerable knowledge of parole and child welfare laws of the State. Considerable knowledge of the principles of psychology in relation to child welfare.

Skill in individual and group work with maladjusted children and adolescents.

Ability to prepare accurate and complete reports and communicate effectively in written or verbal form. Ability to communicate effectively with persons of various ethnic, racial and age groups and socioeconomic levels who may be hostile or abusive. Ability to act in such a manner so as to maintain the confidentiality of issues and matters which may be encountered. Ability to maintain harmonious and effective working relationships with fellow employees, other agencies, County officials and the general public.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS**: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

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Physical demands for the position are typically minimal, involving the movement of files, books, equipment, etc., seldom exceeding 20 pounds. Some work assignments may require standing, walking and physically restraining angry and hostile juveniles.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT**: The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Daily contact with juvenile offenders; interaction to diffuse offender aggression, arrest or assist with arrest; perform officer duties in both office and field setting. May be required to respond to emergencies after hours. May require some evening and weekend work. May receive physical injuries when confronting and/or arresting juvenile offenders. Requires entry into jails and other correctional facilities. Exposed to hazards and risks which accompany exposure to offenders under supervision. Extensive travel required, making home, employment and other offender contacts, often in remote areas.

\*Invasive searches may only be conducted by same sex probation officers. Certain other areas of juvenile supervision may also only be conducted by same sex probation officers, such as taking samples for UAs or transporting juveniles under certain circumstances.

A bona fide occupational qualification (BFOQ) has been established which provides that certain of the Juvenile Probation Officer positions be designated as male or female only, so as to comply with the above limitations.