

YOUTH ADVOCACY COORDINATOR

DEFINITION

To plan, develop, coordinate, implement, and evaluate services aimed at reducing the number of minority youth in the Juvenile Justice System. To develop and provide culturally relevant intervention and advocacy for youth. To coordinate professional partnerships to support the recruitment and training of interns, mentors, or volunteers. To perform a variety of professional and administrative tasks relative to the assigned area of responsibility. To perform related duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives direction from the assigned management personnel and Youth Services Director.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES – Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

Plans, develops, coordinates, implements, and evaluates services aimed at reducing the number of minority youth in the Juvenile Justice System.

Develops and provides culturally relevant intervention and advocacy for youth referred to the Department of Youth Services by law enforcement agencies.

Provides counseling opportunities for minority youth and their families.

Conducts risk assessment based on the juvenile and family to develop individual treatment programs as necessary.

Accompanies juveniles to and from detention, Court, home, placement facilities, schools, activities, and appointments.

Develops and coordinates resources in the community to allow for culturally appropriate diversion opportunities for all youth.

Coordinates professional partnerships to support the recruitment and training of interns, mentors, or volunteers.

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EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: (Continued)

Establishes and maintains liaisons with citizen boards, commissions, committees, and public and private agencies related to the program to elicit cooperation to achieve the program's goals and objectives.

Assists and supports youth and their families through the court process; provides information to the court and probation staff.

Performs other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles, practices, and theories of juvenile corrections, intervention and advocacy programs, and human services delivery systems.

Social service agencies and community resources that provide culturally appropriate services to all youth.

Techniques and practices of program planning, organizing, case management, and coordination of intervention and advocacy programs.

Cross-cultural factors that affect youth in the Juvenile Justice System.

Pertinent federal, state, county, and local laws, codes and regulations.

Investigative techniques for gathering, evaluating, and conveying sensitive and confidential information.

Human development, family relationships and systems, substance abuse issues, social casework methods and/or techniques.

Theories of youth development and their application and an understanding of the dynamics of behavioral and emotional problems in juveniles.

Office equipment and computer use as well as different computer applications.

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Ability to:

Negotiate agreements and facilitate solutions with law enforcement agencies, correctional agencies, and service providers that address issues involving minority youth in the Juvenile Justice System.

Recognize the unique issues minority youth face as they go through the Juvenile Justice System.

Correctly interpret and apply pertinent laws and policies to specific problems relating to intervention and advocacy programs.

Deal effectively with youth of various socioeconomic, racial, and cultural backgrounds.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work; work as a team member and work with professional independence.

Prepare clear, accurate, and concise reports as needed.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Train and coordinate the work of interns, mentors, and volunteers.

Experience and Training

Training:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in counseling, psychology, public policy planning management or a related field.

Experience:

Two years of increasingly responsible program coordination experience with strong background in program planning and development. One year must be in youth oriented program where juveniles of diverse backgrounds have been involved.

Bilingual and/or bicultural skills are desirable.

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Experience (continued):

An equivalent combination of experience and training that will demonstrate the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

Special requirements:

Oregon Driver's License at the time of appointment.