



# WELCOME!

## PURPOSE AND PASSION

### The Critical Role of the Juvenile Probation Officer

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# Agenda

- The Foundational Role of the Probation Officer
- Professional Passion and Personal Connection
- Upholding Public Trust and Confidence
- Q&A



# The Probation Officer's Dual Role



Enforcement:

Upholding public  
safety and enforcing  
court orders.

Youth Advocate:

Supporting the  
development and well-  
being of young people.



# Public Safety: The Cornerstone of Our Mission

Effective supervision and accountability.

Risk/Needs assessments and intervention.

Direct contribution to a safer community.

## Beyond Supervision: Guiding Youth Development

- The link between education and success.

- Access to vocational training and life skills.

- Holistic support for long-term change.

# The "Why": Finding Your Passion

- Why did you get into this work?

- The role of professional passion.

- Passion as a tool for connection.

# “My Why” Worksheet

## ➤ **Section 1: Personal Reflection**

- ✓ “What inspired you to become a juvenile probation officer?”
- ✓ “Describe a moment when you felt proud of your work.”
- ✓ “What values guide your decisions and interactions?”

## ➤ **Section 2: Professional Identity**

- ✓ “How do you define success in your role?”
- ✓ “What does advocacy look like in your daily practice?”
- ✓ “How do you balance authority with empathy?”



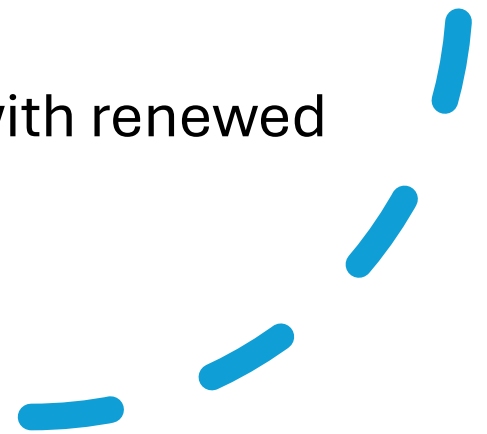
# “My Why” Worksheet

## ➤ **Section 3: Resilience & Renewal**

- ✓ “What helps you stay grounded when the work gets tough?”
- ✓ “Who or what reminds you of your impact?”
- ✓ “What legacy do you want to leave in this field?”

## ➤ **Section 4: Action Commitment**

- ✓ “One thing I will do this month to stay connected to my ‘why’ is...”
- ✓ “One youth I want to show up for with renewed purpose is...”





# Connecting with Youth and Families

Strategies for  
active  
listening.

Empathy and  
cultural  
competence.

Engaging  
families as  
partners.

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# Upholding Public Trust



Open and clear  
communication with  
stakeholders.



Accountability in every  
interaction.



Building credibility with the  
community.

# Strengthening the System Together



# A Broader View of Success

School enrollment and grades.

Employment and vocational skills.

Positive family relationships.

Telling a complete story.



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# Questions & Discussion

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# Thank You!

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