

OJDDA Training Course Descriptions

Fundamental Skills

✚ This 32 hour course is designed for new probation workers in Juvenile Corrections. The following topics are covered:

Juvenile Justice Overview
Ethics and Professionalism
Interstate Compact
Oregon Revised Statutes
Juvenile Justice Information System
Interpersonal Assessment Skills
Courtroom Presentation Skills
Effective Intervention and Supervision Skills
Victim Rights
Probation Officer Safety

Intermediate Skills:

✚ ***Effective Probation Practices/Motivational Interviewing***

Two-day training on Effective Strategies for professionals working with delinquent youth including:

- The current research on efficient and effective interventions to reduce recidivism
- Practical application of cognitive behavioral interventions for probation work
- Utilizing strength based strategies to teach, practice, and role play pro-social skills
- Effective strategies for increasing the “motivation to change” with youthful offenders

Beyond an introduction this two-day training will cover practical applications of the risk, needs and responsivity of evidence-based practices. Through lecture, discussion and practice the presenters will teach, model and role play examples of cognitive behavioral interventions in field probation applications. Participants will be given the opportunity to practice and demonstrate an understanding of these skills. All this will be done with a focus on building offender strengths and protective factors.

✚ ***Field Safety/CPI Stress and Burnout***

Field Safety:

Stress and Burnout: Participants will learn the definitions of, and differences between, stress and burnout; identify common stressors and stages of burnout; how the unique characteristics of the helping profession can contribute to stress and burnout; and learn various techniques to relieve and present stress and burnout.

Community Supervision of High Risk Adolescent Sex Offenders

Participants will learn information pertaining to effective supervision of adolescent sex offenders in the community. Information will include:

- Common characteristics of adolescent sex offenders
- Best practices in the treatment of adolescent sex offenders
- The use of risk assessments with adolescent sex offenders
- The use of the polygraph in the treatment and supervision of adolescent sex offenders
- The use of the Phallometric Testing and the Abel Assessment in the treatment and supervision of adolescent sex offenders
- Oregon Revised Statutes pertaining to adolescent sex offenders
- Supervision skills necessary for effective supervision of adolescent sex offenders

Partnering with Family/The Cultural Exchange/Understanding Privilege

Partnering with Families

Identification and discussion of challenges that probation officers and families need to overcome to build partnerships for the benefit of delinquent youth.


Culture Exchange

Simulation activities where themes of assumptions, misconceptions, stereotypes, prejudice, group identity and belonging emerge. Participants will experience effective/ineffective cross-cultural communications strategies and experiences.

Understanding Privilege

Large and small group discussions to gain greater awareness of unearned advantages and unearned disadvantages that exist in our lives. Identification of areas where both can be used for good.

Custody Worker Training

-  This 5 day course is designed for staff working in detention, residential or other community programs. The focus on the course is on best practices, self-awareness, working with special populations, interviewing and assessment skills, team building, conflict resolution and more.