

Why choose an internship with the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC)?

Offenders face many obstacles when they are released back into the community. These obstacles may include personal, social, financial and health-related issues.

In FY 2008, almost 3,400 offenders were released to supervision in our communities. As an intern, you will have the opportunity to help reduce recidivism and encourage offenders to successfully reintegrate back into society.

The Kansas Department of Corrections uses a risk and needs assessment to identify the areas to target when tackling high-risk offenders. Data from these assessments illustrate some of the problems faced by offenders upon their release:

- 24% lack stable housing options;
- 60% will struggle to find and keep jobs;
- 34% are addicted to or abuse drugs and/or alcohol;
- 23% have significant family or marital issues;
- 52% have poor decision-making skills resulting in offenders making unwise choices in how they spend their free time or in their personal relationships.

Working together with the KDOC, you can be a person who can help solve problems faced by offenders and make our communities safer.



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OFFENDER SUCCESS



"EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCCESS"

OUR VISION

EVERY OFFENDER RELEASED FROM PRISON WILL HAVE THE TOOLS NEEDED TO SUCCEED IN THE COMMUNITY.

MISSION

BY USING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES, WE WILL INCREASE COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION AND THE ABILITY OF OFFENDERS TO REINTEGRATE, WHICH WILL RESULT IN SAFELY REDUCING REVOCATIONS AMONG KANSAS PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS THROUGH RISK REDUCTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.



What are the Benefits of an Internship?

The Kansas Department of Corrections' (KDOC) Kansas Offender Risk Reduction and Reentry Plan (KOR3P) are inviting you to join our team! Your valuable time, talents and professionalism are in need in KDOC correctional facilities and in parole and reentry roles to assist offenders reintegrating back into society.

An internship with the KDOC offers students a structured opportunity to develop relevant work experience and skills and pursue professional growth within the Kansas criminal justice field.

Interns will have opportunities to assist offenders who are actively seeking to better their lives through finding meaningful employment, fulfilling their legal obligations and being productive, law-abiding citizens.

Some areas where interns may be involved include:

- Co-facilitation of classes in thinking, behavioral and problem solving interventions, job readiness, release planning, family reintegration, parenting, money management, tenant responsibility and others;
- Supporting case managers by performing risk and needs assessments and individual case management sessions with offenders, where motivational strategies and cognitive communication can be used to help offenders establish better social skills and decision-making abilities;
- Working with the department's research, evaluation and programming staff to help develop data that will capture reentry work done with high risk offenders and their successes in the communities.

- Working with case managers, release planners and discharge planners in the facilities to assist in the development of targeted release plans, particularly for high-risk or special-needs offenders. This includes:

- helping to establish a continuum of care services for offenders upon release;
- networking to develop additional resources that support reintegration;
- participating in Kansas Parole Board hearings and public comment sessions and assisting in appropriate follow-up;

- Working with parole staff in the field to assist with:

- implementing or carrying out release plans and providing support in the supervision of offenders;
- helping to implement risk (reduction) strategies through contacts in the office and the field and by reviewing offenders' activities in order to complement or supplement risk-reduction plans.

Interns can be involved in many roles, under the supervision of current staff, which allow students to learn all aspects of the corrections and criminal justice field.

Interns can help support the state's ongoing risk-management work and enhance public safety. In turn, interns gain knowledge and develop skills that can be used in future professional endeavors.