



# Volunteer Services Program

*Partnering with Citizens to Serve At-Risk Youth*



## Program Overview

The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Volunteer Services program mobilizes ordinary citizens as volunteers to assist with the rehabilitation of young offenders and at-risk youth. Whether it's through tutoring, mentoring, religious guidance, supplementary supervision, or other support, volunteers provide much-needed enrichment and encouragement to at-risk youth.

## Volunteer Opportunities at DJJ...

**Auxiliary Probation Officer (APO)** – APOs receive intensive training and are sworn-in by the Family Court. They work directly alongside full-time DJJ probation officers in the community providing supplementary probation services to youth and their families.

**Intern** – College students seeking practical experience while earning academic credit are welcomed from many disciplines, including criminal justice, social work, psychology, education, physical education and others. Working with full time DJJ staff, interns gain valuable, practical experience in the juvenile justice field and exposure to other related disciplines.

**Job Readiness Training** – Job readiness training offers youth an opportunity to work with organizations and mentors to provide them with a way to “give back” to their community while learning valuable work skills they can use in future employment.

**Juvenile Arbitrator** – Arbitration is a statewide collaboration between DJJ and all 16 South Carolina solicitor's offices and one sheriff's department. Arbitrators work with first-time youth offenders charged with a non-violent crime, to divert them away from the formal juvenile justice system to an arbitration process conducted in the youth's community.

**Mentor** – Mentors serve as positive role models for youth and encourage success and character development through personal one-on-one interaction.

**Spiritual Development** – Many individuals and group offer spiritual guidance to juveniles who are seeking direction from people of faith and religious organizations. Religious volunteers provide bible studies and worship opportunities behind the fence and at the Evaluation Centers.

**Sports, Fitness, & Health** – These volunteers engage youth in games and physical activities as a fun way to get to know them, and to help develop their self-confidence and motivation.

**Staff Support** – Support volunteers further the DJJ mission by providing clerical, data entry, or other office assistance to DJJ office staff.

**Teen After-School Centers (TASC)** – TASCs are daily after-school programs based in local churches, community centers, and other public buildings across the state. Volunteers at these locations provide additional structure and assistance, often supplementing the normal supervision that DJJ provides, which help reduce the likelihood that program participants will be incarcerated.

**Tutor** – Tutors offer academic assistance to youth who are at-risk of failing school. They are needed for all grade levels and subjects, both in the classroom and after-school.

**Volunteer In Probation (VIP)** – VIPs assist the local DJJ county office by providing frequent contacts with one or more youth offenders in the local DJJ county office to ensure compliance with probation or behavioral contracts.

**Youth Leadership** – Community leaders and business owners provide leadership training, and character building through mentoring, and skill building.

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**For more information please contact your local DJJ County Office (full listing on next page) or:**

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