

United States Probation and Pretrial Services District of Kansas

Charter for Excellence

We, the members of Probation and Pretrial Services for the United States Courts for the District of Kansas, are an agency who provide the Judiciary and the community with superior service by completing quality investigations and reports, seeking alternatives to detention, and delivering a high standard of effective supervision. We are dedicated to providing protection to the public and assisting in the administration of justice, demonstrating fairness and mutual respect to all in the performance of our duties. We achieve success through interdependence, collaboration, and local innovation. We are committed to excellence as a system and to the principles embodied in this Charter.

We are a unique *profession*.

Our profession is distinguished by the unique combination of:

- A multidimensional knowledge base in law and human behavior;
- A mix of skills in investigation, communication, and analysis;
- A capacity to provide services and interventions from pretrial release through post-conviction supervision;
- A position of impartiality within the criminal justice system;
- A diverse team of people within the organization; and
- A responsibility to positively impact the community and the lives of victims, defendants, and offenders.

These *goals* matter most.

Our system strives to achieve the organizational goals of:

- Upholding the constitutional principles of the presumption of innocence and the right against excessive bail for pretrial defendants by appropriately balancing community safety and risk of nonappearance with protection of individual liberties;
- Providing objective investigations and reports with verified information and recommendations to assist the court in making fair pretrial release, sentencing, and supervision decisions;
- Ensuring defendant and offender compliance with court-ordered conditions through community-based supervision and partnerships;
- Protecting the community through the use of controlling and correctional strategies designed to assess and manage risk;
- Facilitating long-term, positive changes in defendants and offenders through proactive interventions; and
- Promoting the fair, impartial, and just treatment of defendants and offenders throughout all phases of the system.

We stand by these *values*.

Our values are mission-critical:

- Act with integrity.
- Demonstrate commitment to and passion for our mission.
- Be effective stewards of public resources.
- Treat everyone with dignity and respect, recognizing the diverse populations which exist in our communities.
- Promote fairness in process and excellence in service to the courts and the community.
- Work together to foster a collegial environment.
- Be responsible and accountable.