

## U.S. Probation Office Speakers Bureau

The Speakers Bureau of the U.S. Probation Office in the Eastern District of Missouri is dedicated to informing the community about the function and purpose of the U.S. Probation Office through presentation at the local schools, colleges, and civic and professional organizations.



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## Available Topics

### **The Work of the U.S. Probation Office**



The U.S. Probation Office performs two basic functions: conducts presentence investigations and supervises offenders for the U.S. District Court. U.S. Probation Officers work closely with offenders, judges prosecutors, law enforcement agents, treatment agencies, and others to perform a wide variety of tasks. The primary goals of the U.S. Probation Office are to protect the community and bring about long-term positive change in individuals under supervision.

### **Introduction to Sentencing in the Federal Courts**

The federal court has its own unique processes and procedures. A licensed attorney will discuss these matters as well as the use of the presentence report for sentencing purposes.

### **Global Positioning Tracking of Offenders**

The U.S. Probation Office often uses a Global Positioning System (GPS) to track offenders' movement. This presentation explains how it works with a live demonstration.

### **Special Offender Supervision Team (SOST)**

The U.S. Probation Office SOST is responsible for the supervision of federal offenders who have committed crimes or have been involved in organized crime. The unit relies heavily on collaboration with state, federal, and local agencies.

### **Fed Facts: The Real Deal**

This program, which is an interactive tool using video recorded scenarios, teaches the consequences of illegal drug involvement to middle school, high school, and college students. The program provides an overview of the federal penalties and attempts to dispel some youthful misconceptions concerning the legal consequences of drug involvement.

### **The U.S. Probation Office Internship Program**

The U.S. Probation Office provides a variety of students with the opportunity to participate in our internship program. Students are selected from local university with majors including, but not limited to, social work, criminal justice, psychology, and business administration. The students are responsible for maintaining caseloads, conducting presentence investigation interviews, and various other tasks while learning an overview of the federal judicial system and functions of the District Court. In addition, students gain the tools needed for a successful career.

### **Internet Safety for Children**

The Internet can be a dangerous place. An automation specialist will provide information about the dangers of the Internet and how to protect children.

### **Housing for Felony Offenders**

Learn how the probation office works to help offenders obtain and maintain suitable housing to benefit both the community and individual offender.

### **White Collar Crime**

Financial Fraud, including rising cases of identity theft, accounts for almost 20% of the criminal convictions in the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Missouri. Financial fraud and white collar offenders present unique challenges because the offenses are often complicated and probation officers are charged with collecting restitution for innocent victims while also ensuring that offenders do not re-offend.



### **The Effects of Substance Abuse on Crime and Supervision**



This presentation discusses the relationship between addiction and criminal behavior providing statistics relating to drug abusers in prison as well as success rates of recovered individuals vs. return users.

### **Overview of Sentencing Guidelines**

This presentation by a licensed attorney provides general information about the workings of the sentencing guidelines in the U.S. District Court. It also discusses evolving sentencing guidelines issues, including the relevant case law and statutory changes.

### **The Employment Program**

Our employment team conducts mock job fairs in prisons, organizes job fairs in the community, offers individual employment assistance and refers ex-offenders to community partners for job readiness and skills training. Our team also trains other professionals throughout the country in understanding and providing employment services to this unique population.

### **Special Enforcement Team**

Many offenders have a special condition of supervision which requires them to submit to searches of their homes and vehicles. Learn under what conditions the probation office conducts searches, how they are conducted, and how evidence and information obtained from searches is used.

### **Mental Health Issues in Community**

A significant percentage of the offenders on federal supervision have mental health problems. This presentation by a licensed clinical social worker will discuss current mental health issues in community corrections including competency processes as well as forensic mental health issues.