Project Summary

For my project, I spent approximately 10 hours a week working as an intern in the Adult Probation and Parole office here in Cedar City, UT. As part of my internship I worked closely with probation and parole officers. That allowed me to see how leaders in the field worked with offenders. I was also given the opportunity to work directly with offenders. Those that are already on probation or parole. I was also allowed to make recommendations to judges on what punishments should be given out at sentencing. This required me to better my understanding of the corrections system, do a complete background check, and get to know the offenders.

Project Highlights

- Getting to spend time interviewing offenders in the jail to understand their background.
- This background gave me a better understanding of what recommendations to make to the court to help individuals be successful.
- Going to nearby elementary school to help run a lock-down drill.

These experiences will give me practice working with offenders and seeing how well other officers handle certain situations.

From My Journal

“I got to go with Allen (manager) to fiddlers elementary school and run a lock-down drill. They even let me put on a bullet proof vest and act like I was involved in clearing the building while looking for the “shooter’”

“Today, I was able to interview three inmates in the jail to complete their LSI-R (assessment survey for background investigation) without having to ask Gene for help. I was able to complete them confidently without worrying about missing important information. Really makes me feel like I can work face-to-face with offenders in the future a lot better.”

Adult Probation & Parole is a part of the Utah Department of Corrections. I worked in what is considered Region V.

This is the entrance to the Iron County Correctional Facility. Inside this building is the office for Adult Probation and Parole where I spent the majority of my time.