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JOB OPPORTUNITY POSTING**

Job Title: Probation Counselor I

Employer/Agency: Contra Costa County

Job Description: The Contra Costa County Probation Department is seeking qualified individuals to fill vacancies for Probation Counselor I. The Probation Department has both temporary and permanent job openings, and Probation Counselors may work at Juvenile Hall (Martinez) and the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility (Byron). Probation Counselors play a crucial role in the safety, security, and guidance of minors confined to County juvenile institutions and under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. The major function of a Probation Counselor is the direction and supervision of the routine daily activities of detained youths – e.g., showering, housekeeping, school, yard work, meals, and recreational activities. Other duties of the position include providing situational counseling according to individual and group needs, explaining and participating in the enforcement of facility rules and regulations, providing transportation to and from the institutions, supervising vocational work crews, and preparing written reports and evaluations. Probation Counselors must have the ability to maintain consistent and regular attendance as well as the ability to work well with others. The eligible list established as a result of this examination may remain in effect for twelve (12) months.

Qualifications: Candidates must possess and maintain throughout the duration of employment a Valid California Motor Vehicle Operator's License. Out of state valid Motor Vehicle Operator's License will be accepted during the application process.

Education: Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units from an accredited college or university which included at least 12 semester units or 18 quarter units in behavioral science fields such as criminology, corrections, social work, psychology or sociology.

Substitution for Behavioral Science Course Work: One year of full-time (or equivalent to 2080 hours) of experience working in a secure detention facility, Juvenile Camp and/or Ranch Program may be substituted for 6 semester units or 9 quarter units towards the behavioral science course work requirement.

Citizenship: Must be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for citizenship.

Age Requirement: At least 21 years of age.

Physical Requirement: Ability to meet such health standards as may be prescribed by the County Medical Consultant. This may include a drug screening, a physical agility test and/or a functional capacity evaluation pursuant to California Government Code section 1031.

Background: 1) Successful completion of a thorough background investigation and psychological evaluation, as specified in Section 1031 of the California Government Code; and 2) shall not have been convicted of a felony as an adult or juvenile in this or any other state or in a federal jurisdiction, or of any offense in any other state or in any federal jurisdiction which would have been a felony if committed in this state.

Salary/Hours: \$39,840.96 - \$48,426.96 Annually

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City, State, Zip: Contra Costa County, California

Application Method: Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line at www.cccounty.us.hr , or a completed Contra Costa County application and supplemental questionnaire must be received or postmarked by the final filing date. Resumes may not be substituted for the official County application. Faxed applications **WILL NOT** be accepted.

Opening Date: Immediate

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