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### **Journalists invited to shadow OYA juvenile parole and probation officers**

When a youth offender is committed to the care and custody of the Oregon Youth Authority, he or she is assigned a juvenile parole and probation officer, or JPPO. Throughout the offender's time with OYA, the JPPO provides continuing support.

The JPPO works with the youth offender regardless of whether he or she is in a close-custody facility or is being supervised in the community. So after a youth is paroled, someone he or she knows – the JPPO – is there not only to supervise, but also to support successful reintegration into the community.

OYA invites journalists who would like to spend a day with a JPPO – or just interview one – to do so. Although this could be done at any mutually convenient time, this year's Probation, Parole and Community Supervision week will be July 17-23.

Although youth whom a JPPO visits cannot be identified by name or photo in a news story, with permission reporters may sit in on conversations between youth and JPPOs.

JPPOs develop agreements with youth, conduct monthly reviews with youth, determine special needs and services, arrange vocational services, encourage progress in employment and education, administer urinalyses, prepare for and testify at hearings, and participate in quarterly meetings of team members who monitor and support the progress of youth.

OYA has approximately 80 JPPOs across the state. (County juvenile departments also have probation staff who supervise youth in communities.)

OYA supervises approximately 1,100 youth on probation and parole in communities across Oregon, and has custody of approximately 900 youth offenders ages 12-24 in correctional and transitional facilities in Albany, Burns, Florence, Grants Pass, La Grande, Salem, Tillamook, Warrenton and Woodburn. Effective work by JPPOs helps the agency fulfill its mission to protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth offenders accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

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