

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
VOLUNTEERS
CODE OF ETHICAL PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

My fundamental duty is to respect the dignity and individuality of all people, to provide professional and compassionate service, and to be unfailingly honest.

I will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, gender, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, change in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood, and will respect and protect the civil and legal rights of all inmates, probationers and parolees.

I will respect the right of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity, and will be diligent in recording and making available for review all case information that could contribute to sound decisions affecting the public safety, or an inmate, probationer or parolee.

I will maintain the integrity of private information, and will neither seek personal data beyond that needed to perform my volunteer duties, nor reveal case information to anyone not having a proper professional use for the information.

In making public statements, I will clearly distinguish between those that are my personal views and those that are made on behalf of the agency.

I will not use my volunteer position to secure privileges or advantages for myself, and will not accept any gift or favor that implies an obligation inconsistent with the objective exercise of my professional duties.

I will not act in my volunteer capacity in any matter in which I have a personal interest that could in the least degree impair my objectivity.

I will not engage in undue familiarity with inmates, probationers, or parolees.

I will report any corrupt or unethical behavior of a fellow volunteer or correctional, probation or parole officer that could affect either an inmate, probationer, or parolee, or the integrity of the agency, but will not make statements critical of the Department of Corrections or other criminal justice agencies unless the underlying facts are verifiable.

I will respect the importance of, and cooperate with, all elements of the criminal justice system, and will develop relationships with colleagues to promote mutual respect for the profession and improvement of the quality of services provided.

I have read the Code of Ethical Professional Conduct, and have sought and obtained clarification of my portions which I did not understand. I recognize that failure to abide by the Code may result in termination from the volunteer program.

Printed Name

Signature

Date