

Promoting Success in Community Supervision

Different Roles, Similar Goals

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Pretrial, probation, and post-release supervision

offer opportunities for people interacting with the criminal justice system to engage in meaningful change while living in their communities. While the general purpose of each of these phases may be different, they all support community safety by working to promote individual success and reduce additional harm.

Whatever your role,
you all share some common goals.

-  **Maximizing community safety** 
-  **Offering supportive services** 
-  **Promoting successful outcomes** 

Every interaction is an
opportunity to reduce harm.

DEFINITIONS

Pretrial

Pretrial supervision is a condition of release ordered by a judicial officer for a person who has been charged with an offense(s) while awaiting the final disposition of their case.

Supervising body: a pretrial services staff person or agency

Probation

Probation supervision is imposed by a judicial officer as a sentence, a condition of a suspended sentence, or in lieu of incarceration.

Supervising body: a court-based agency, a county or state agency, a private company, or the court itself

Post-Release

Post-release supervision is commonly referred to as "supervised release." This is a period of community supervision imposed by the court to be completed after release from a jail or prison sentence.

Parole is the release of a person, by an administrative entity from jail, prison, or other confinement after the person has served a portion of their sentence.

Supervising body: a state or county agency




An individual may have contact in each of these phases:

Pretrial

Probation

Post-Release

REMEMBER: PROMOTE SUCCESS RATHER THAN MANAGE FAILURE

	Pretrial	Probation	Post-Release
DISTINCTIVE FEATURE	 <p>Presumption of innocence</p>	 <p>Behavioral Change</p>	 <p>Reintegration</p>
ROLE	<p>Support a person in appearing in court and remaining law-abiding until disposition of their case.</p> <p>Assist and monitor compliance with conditions set by the court and offer supportive services.</p>	<p>Facilitate and support a person's rehabilitative change process.</p> <p>Assist in satisfying probation conditions and other programming as determined by the judicial officer or probation officer.</p>	<p>Facilitate and support a person's reentry and rehabilitative change process following release to the community from jail or prison.</p> <p>Assist in completing release conditions and other programming as determined by the releasing authority or parole supervision officer.</p>

While the content in this document is characteristic of many jurisdictions, we recognize that every state/ locality is different and operates under different laws and practices.

