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Probation/Parole The Missing Link

The Role of Probation/Parole in DEC

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Children and Drug Crimes

Child Abuse/Neglect

- A person commits child abuse/neglect if, in the presence or on the premises where a child is found, or where a child resides, or in a vehicle containing a child, the person knowingly engages in the manufacture or attempted manufacture of a controlled substance

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“Controlled Substance” means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in schedules I through V of part 2 of this article, includes cocaine, marijuana and marijuana concentrate.

When a person commits child abuse/neglect as described above, it is a felony in most states.



Probation/Parole

Defining Drug Endangered Children (DEC)



Children + Drugs = Risk

Why is it important to have Probation/Parole as part of a DEC Alliance?

Old Food



Kitchen Sink



Rest of Kitchen



Living Room



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Parents' Bedroom



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What was Probation/Parole's role in this scenario?

Knowledge of Probation/Parole

- We knew the demographics of the home
- We received the phone call regarding drug dealing as caller didn't want to call police
- We knew there was a child in home
- We knew the grandparents were safe place for child to go
- We knew the offenders weren't employed
- We knew they were in that town

Information we have available

- Layout of house
- Who lives there
- Who "flops" there
- Who the agent is
- Knows the neighborhood
- Knows who their friends/enemies are
- Knows family dynamics
- Knows if animals at house or not - kinds

Probation/Parole Follow up

- Probation cases revoked
- New charges – they were referred to Drug Court
- Successful Completion
- Where are they now?



Where is this info obtained?

- Pre-Parole Investigation
- Initial office visit (especially if family is present)
- Intake forms
- Background questionnaires
- Office visit forms
- Police reports
- Criminal complaints
- Collateral contacts
- Home visits

In the course of our duties...

- When would we have contact with our offenders children?
 - Office visits
 - Home visits
 - Street contacts

Do they have their children with them?

STATE OF FLORIDA
 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
 WRITER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Officer's Name: _____
 For Month Ending: _____
 Days/Time submitted: _____

YOUR NAME: _____
 YOUR REFERENCE ADDRESS (Include Name of Institution, apartment Complex and Number, Address Block Part and Lot Number, if applicable) _____
 Provide physical location - SOI, Part 4 @ the Box _____
 TELEPHONE No. _____
 CELLULAR TELEPHONE No. _____
 FINGER No. _____
 Vehicle Make/Model Year/Tag # _____

EMPLOYER: _____
 EMPLOYER'S NAME _____
 EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS _____
 EMPLOYER'S TELEPHONE No. _____
 CELLULAR TELEPHONE No. _____
 PAGES No. _____
 EMPLOYER'S EMAIL _____
 YOUR TOTAL MONEY EARNED MONTHLY _____
 \$ _____ (Other Amount) _____
 Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Hours Worked _____
 Address(es) _____

List full names, ages, and your relationship to all persons who resided at your residence during this month. _____

Have you consumed alcoholic beverages?	YES	NO
Have you used or brought drugs or controlled substances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you smoked electronic, traditional/cigar or smoke?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke, drug, alcohol, drugs, or self improvement programs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been arrested or had any contact with law enforcement during the last month?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, include appropriate case number, date of prior, criminal in report.		
If you need help for any reason, explain.		
If not working, give reason and source of income.		
If you have any questions or problems to discuss with your Officer, explain.		

Children and Step-Children:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Phone number: _____
 Address: _____
 Who has legal custody: _____
 Have you been ordered to pay child support? Yes () If Yes amount / month \$ _____ State: _____
 Are you current with your payments? Yes () If No, delinquent amount \$ _____

II. Childhood and Family (continued)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Phone number: _____
 Address: _____
 Who has legal custody: _____
 Have you been ordered to pay child support? Yes () If Yes amount / month \$ _____ State: _____
 Are you current with your payments? Yes () If No, delinquent amount \$ _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Phone number: _____
 Address: _____
 Who has legal custody: _____
 Have you been ordered to pay child support? Yes () If Yes amount / month \$ _____ State: _____
 Are you current with your payments? Yes () If No, delinquent amount \$ _____
 Does the your relationship with your spouse and children: _____

Are any of your dependents or their guardians receiving welfare benefits? Yes () No ()
 If Yes where? _____
 If you are now in prison or jail on this charge who will care for your dependents?
 Name: _____ Relationship: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 How long have they lived at this address: _____
 Please list previous addresses: _____

Who is living in your home now:
 Name: _____ Date of birth: _____ SS # _____
 Name: _____ Date of birth: _____ SS # _____
 Name: _____ Date of birth: _____ SS # _____
 Are there any weapons in your home? Yes () No ()
 If Yes explain type, location, ownership: () Yes ()

All children associated with offender

- Biological children
- Step-children
- Children of significant other
- Nieces, Nephews
- Cousins

- Include dates of birth
- Sibling(s) of above - names, address, phone
- Parent information - name, address, phone

BOLO!!!!

- ## BOLO (Be On the Look Out)
- Baby bottles, Sippy cups, small silverware
 - Children's toys and/or books
 - Diaper bags
 - Baby blankets/pillows
 - Children's clothes
 - Child seats in vehicles
 - Strollers, bassinets, walkers
 - Swing set, sand box, jungle gym
 - Electronic games/gaming systems

- ## Home visits
- If drugs are found in the residence, call out local Law Enforcement if warranted.
 - Take your own picture for evidence
 - Get down to child's point of view
 - Write detailed reports (Where were the children at time of the visit? Where were the drugs in relation to the child?)

Opportunities:

- Family members
- Friends/associates
- Neighbors
- Employment
- Treatment providers
- Significant others – past/present
- Criminal connections

When to contact Child Welfare:

- Drugs found in the home during a home visit.
- Positive UAs when the offender has custody of or is a caregiver to children.
- Offender is intoxicated/impaired/high while with their/others children.
- When signs of abuse or neglect are observed.
- Pregnant offenders who provide positive UAs or are intoxicated

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- Any of the following persons who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child seen by the person in the course of professional duties has been abused or neglected or who has reason to believe that a child seen by the person in the course of professional duties has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that abuse or neglect of the child will occur shall report such information

DEC Case

How can you apply this information to your position?

PSI Case from Washburn County, Wisconsin

What was Probation/Parole's role in this scenario?

Support of Probation/Parole

- Consequences would be swift and sure
- Immediate UA's
- Conditional jail time being imposed
- Continued supervision after child born
- Supervision terms tend to be longer than CHiPS terms

Follow up

- Drug and alcohol treatment
- Parenting classes
- Child Welfare Intervention
- Revocation
- Electronic monitoring
- Other sanctions

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