

Lake County Adult Probation – Pretrial Investigations Volunteer

About the Program: The objective of the Pretrial Investigations Unit is to assist the Court in making informed decisions regarding the release of defendants back into the community during the pendency of their case. Furthermore, the Unit provides community-based monitoring for defendants who have been deemed as appropriate for release on pretrial bond supervision and those who were able to post the necessary bond. Members of the Unit are responsible for interviewing, investigating, verifying and compiling information regarding defendants' backgrounds. The areas included in this investigation are employment, education, use and abuse of drugs and/or alcohol and other substances, mental and physical condition, residential stability and family dynamics. The pretrial bond investigator utilizes information gathered to provide a comprehensive report to the Courts.

This program operates Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. *Preferably*, volunteers will be available to accommodate Adult Probation's busiest hours, from 8:00am-12:00pm. The Division of Adult Probation Services will be flexible and work with volunteer schedules.

Location: Division of Adult Probation Services, Waukegan, IL

Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm

Time Commitment:

- Volunteers will work to provide orientations to clients. Orientations consist of interviews that go over information covered in court, rules of pretrial, probation officer assignment, and more. Training will be provided.
- Along with assisting at the office, volunteers will regularly visit courtrooms to assist clients who require services.
- Additionally, volunteers will assist with client check-ins, which consist of monitoring for police contact and answering any questions clients may have.
- Commit to being a volunteer for at least 6 months. Individuals who decide to volunteer for longer will learn more and have greater responsibilities, such as conducting record checks and performing assessments on clients.

Requirements:

- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Must pass a background check
- Must be professional and comfortable working with diverse groups of people
- Must be reliable and consistent
- Possess excellent relational and interpersonal skills
- Possess the ability to respect the privacy and rights of clients

To learn more or apply, please contact the College of Lake County Volunteer Coordinator, Cristian Gonzalez, at 847-543-2748 or at cgonzalez35@clcollinois.edu.

For more information, visit <https://www.clcollinois.edu/judicialvolunteer>.