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## **CSOSA CELEBRATES PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK JULY 17-23, INCREASES PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT IN DC COMMUNITIES**


Washington, DC – The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) is joining the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) to celebrate Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision (PPPS) Week from July 17 to July 23, 2022.

Annually, PPPS Week provides an opportunity to engage the public, policymakers, and legislators in recognizing the vital role community corrections professionals play to keep our communities safe. PPPS Week salutes and celebrates the valuable efforts of more than 100,000 community corrections professionals across the country that help supervise close to 6.4 million individuals.

CSOSA Director Richard S. Tischner said, “The work our supervision staff does is transformative—helping people under supervision make positive choices and change the trajectory of their lives. We must often rise to meet the challenges of dealing with difficult situations and circumstances to strive for change that is not guaranteed, may only come bit by bit, and might come without accolades. Still, we press on—holding ourselves and others accountable and working together to advance our critical public safety mission.”

As part of our intensive Violence Prevention Initiative, CSOSA continues to refine our balanced approach to supervision, which encompasses enforcement, engagement, programming, and services for individuals on probation, parole, and supervised release. Our longstanding partnership with the Metropolitan Police Department and other law enforcement agencies includes having a visible presence in DC’s neighborhoods and engaging with people in areas of concern on many nights and weekends.

CSOSA has recently increased weekend programming and drug testing for anyone under supervision. We host and promote job fairs and work to help supervisees find and maintain gainful employment. We monitor high-risk supervisees closely



to reduce their chances of becoming the victim or perpetrator of a crime. And we work with providers to find transitional or supportive housing for supervisees with unstable housing.

Community supervision officers and other community supervision professionals make up the majority of our workforce. This week especially, CSOSA extends our immense gratitude to the hardworking community supervision officers and professionals for the vital role they play in changing the lives of people under supervision and advancing public safety in the District. We also celebrate the noble work of the pretrial supervision officers of our sister agency, the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia. We are also grateful to all staff at supervision agencies, especially the dedicated public servants at CSOSA and PSA, for making it possible for our community supervision professionals to provide effective and efficient service to the people under our jurisdiction and the community as a whole.

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## **ABOUT THE COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY**

CSOSA is a federal agency supervising adults on probation, parole, and supervised release in the District of Columbia. Over the course of fiscal year 2021, CSOSA supervised nearly 10,000 unique individuals, with an average daily population of just over 6,000 supervisees.

In FY2021, 60 percent of CSOSA's supervised population was on probation, a court-ordered disposition where a client is placed under the agency's supervision and remains in the community. Ten percent of the FY2021 supervised population were on parole, a form of early release where an individual leaves prison for community-based supervision during a period where they might otherwise remain incarcerated. Parole was abolished in the District of Columbia in 2000. About a quarter (26 percent) of those under supervision in FY2021 were on supervised release, which is a term of community-based supervision imposed by the court during sentencing and served after the person is released from prison. Four percent of those under supervision in FY2021 were being supervised pursuant to a civil protection order or a deferred sentencing agreement.

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