



## American Probation and Parole Association

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### 2022 PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK TO BE CELEBRATED JULY 17-23

**LEXINGTON – (KY, JUNE 21, 2022)** – The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) will lead the 2022 Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week (PPPS Week) celebration, July 17-23, with the theme *Restoring Trust, Creating Hope*. PPPS Week celebrates the valuable efforts of nearly 100,000 community corrections professionals, usually referred to as pretrial, probation, or parole officers (POs), that supervise millions of individuals. The 2022 theme recognizes the need for their service more than ever as our nation addresses substance abuse, mental health, systemic racism, COVID-19, and other serious issues.

The annual PPPS Week campaign is a time to recognize community corrections as a key component of the justice system. It is also a time to engage the public, policymakers, and other interested parties, especially those who value the work required to assist formerly incarcerated individuals upon their release from jail or prison. POs are driving significant, positive changes. They offer tools and resources as well as identify treatment programs and services to assist individuals in their (re)habilitation.

“Just considering the challenges caused by COVID-19 alone, trust and hope must be top of mind,” says Veronica Cunningham, Executive Director of APPA. “During really toughest periods of the pandemic, many in the field served as first responders and shifted their work models to support, assist, and guide individuals under supervision and the community as a whole. Their talent, compassion, and determination have been nothing less than praiseworthy – they are heroes all year long.”

During PPPS Week 2022, APPA will provide these tools to help salute and celebrate the work of community corrections professionals:

- A [PPPS Week campaign toolkit](#).
- An [official proclamation](#) for local, state, or federal politicians to endorse.
- [Official PPPS Week merchandise](#) available.

“Each day, community corrections professionals conduct demanding, but essential work to help change the trajectory of the lives of individuals entangled in the community corrections maze – juvenile and adult sectors. During PPPS Week, we urge you to learn more about our vital profession, thank the community corrections professionals that serve your community,” added Cunningham.

## **ABOUT THE AMERICAN PROBATION AND PAROLE ASSOCIATION**

For nearly 50 years, APPA has been committed to national representation of the community corrections field. The association is dedicated to reducing recidivism and keeping communities safe. Members are provided with information and educational resources including training delivered via various mediums.

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