

HOW CAN MY ORGANIZATION BECOME AN APPROVED CSW PROGRAM WORKSITE?

Organizations must submit the required Worksite Questionnaire and Resolution which can be downloaded from the Probation Department's website at <http://www.countyofsb.org/probation> or call (805)803-8627 to request copies via US mail.

Once approved, worksites must agree to the following:

- Supervise the CSW workers at all times.
- Accurately track and record all hours performed and report completion to probation when requested to do so.
- Orient CSW workers regarding expectations, work assignment, safety and attendance requirements.
- Only give credit for hours actually worked (no credit for financial or in kind-donations, hard work, church attendance, worksite program participation, etc.).
- Maintain communication with CSW Coordinator.
- Attend free biennial worksite training provided by CSW program staff.

Community Service Work Program Offices & Service Areas

Santa Barbara Probation Office

117 East Carrillo Street

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Areas Served

Goleta, Santa Barbara, Carpinteria

Lompoc Probation Office

415 East Cypress Avenue

Lompoc, CA 93436

Areas Served

Lompoc, VAFB, Buellton, Solvang

Santa Maria Probation Office

2121 South Centerpointe Parkway

Santa Maria, CA 93455

Areas Served

Guadalupe, Los Alamos, New Cuyama, Orcutt, Santa Maria

Community Service Work
Information Line 805-882-3649

Santa Barbara County Probation Department



Community Service Work Program



Information for Public and Private Non-profit agencies interested in becoming a CSW Program Worksite

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK PROGRAM?

The Community Service Work (CSW) Program is coordinated by the Santa Barbara County Probation Department.

The purpose of the CSW program is to provide individuals ordered by the Court the opportunity to perform valuable work service to the community.

The Court, in certain cases, will allow individuals to participate in the CSW program in lieu of paying a fine at an exchange rate of \$10 per hour.

The Court also may order that individuals complete mandatory CSW hours.

In some cases, individuals may be referred to the CSW program by their Deputy Probation Officer (DPO).

WHAT TYPE OF ORGANIZATIONS ARE APPROVED CSW PROGRAM WORKSITES?

Only Public and Private Non-profit organizations are approved CSW program worksites. There are currently over 150 approved program worksites throughout Santa Barbara County. These worksites include local city and county parks, state beaches, churches, thrift stores, veteran organizations, senior centers, food banks and many others.

HOW WILL BEING AN APPROVED CSW PROGRAM WORKSITE BENEFIT MY ORGANIZATION?

Collectively, participating program worksites receive approximately 75,000 hours of free labor annually. Many of the individuals assigned to complete CSW hours possess talents and skills such as carpentry, landscaping, computer, etc that could be of great benefit to an organization. Several worksites have hired CSW workers as a result of their performance during CSW.

In a recent Worksite Survey, 98.51% of participating organizations reported that the CSW program was of great value to their organization.

Quotes from current worksites:

“Being that we are a non-profit organization and operate on a fixed budget, it helps us out to have them work here.”

“It saves us money. We figure we get about 1300 hours. As a non-profit, it’s hard to make ends meet. The clients you send us help us maintain our building, vans, grounds, and many other projects.”

“It provides valuable volunteers to our program. Each worker has brought very different and useful talents to us.”

“This program provides additional volunteers for us to help serve the community.”

CAN MY ORGANIZATION SPECIFY THE TYPE OF WORKER ASSIGNED?

Absolutely. Organizations can specify the type of worker assigned to them based on their selected criteria and workers are assigned accordingly. Specific criteria include the following:

- Age of workers: Juvenile or Adult
- Severity of offense: traffic / misdemeanor / felony
- Numbers of hours required per shift
- Days and hours of operation available for CSW.
- Specify offenses unsuitable for worksite such as: arson, violence, domestic violence, theft, drugs, sex offenses, DUI, child abuse, etc.

Worksites can also specify health and safety related restrictions such as:

- Type of clothing and foot wear required, no communicable diseases, must be able to lift a specific number of pounds, etc.