



Auxiliary Chaplain

Cognitive Thinking
Programs

Dog Trainers/Handlers

Hospice

Landscaping/Area
Beautification

Performing Arts

Recreational Activities

Restorative Justice

Spiritual and Religious
Programs

Teaching Skills

Transitional Accountability
Plans

Employability Skills

What We Believe

Mission

Improving Lives for Safer Communities

Vision

Excellence in Corrections for a Safer Missouri

Values

We value safe work environments, a capable workforce
and reduced risk and recidivism.

We value integrity and respect.

We value supportive leadership.

We value employee participation and teamwork.



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Reach Out and Help



VOLUNTEER IN CORRECTIONS

Missouri Department of Corrections



Volunteers in Corrections

The Missouri Department of Corrections utilizes the services of volunteers in a variety of meaningful ways to augment institutional and community services and programs for offenders. Volunteers serve as excellent examples of people leading productive lives while inspiring offenders to strive for success.

Who Volunteers?

Volunteers in Corrections (VIC) care about people, family life, and community. They are willing to use their experience, knowledge, and understanding to affect positive change and provide a safety net of support for offenders. Volunteers must be 18 years old (19 or older to have offender contact), and must pass a screening and interview process. VICs are considered unpaid staff of the department and are required to adhere to department and facility policies and procedure.

What do Volunteers Do?

VICs contribute time and talent to assist the department in delivering services and facilitating programs that focus on preparing offenders to become productive citizens.

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

-Winston Churchill

VICs Provide a Catalyst to:

- 🧑‍🌾 Involve the community in the criminal justice process
- 🧑‍🌾 Promote community understanding regarding the correctional experience
- 🧑‍🌾 Increase services to offenders/clients
- 🧑‍🌾 Encourage offenders/clients to develop responsible behavior
- 🧑‍🌾 Be a role model



VIC Cynthia Hitschler teaches sewing to offenders at MECC

Goals of the Volunteer Program

The department understands its mission to enhance public safety, while offenders are under its supervision. Volunteer Services facilitates and coordinates the involvement of the community in the rehabilitation of offenders through volunteer led programs and services. Enhancing public safety is achieved by ending the criminal behavior in offenders under supervision and assisting them in the transformation to become productive, law-abiding citizens. Achieving this goal requires the partnership of offenders, staff, offender families and friends, communities, and volunteers.

Where do Volunteers Work ?

VICs serve in correctional facilities in the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) and in the Division of Probation and Parole (P&P) offices, a community release center and community supervision centers throughout the state.

What Steps Should I Take?

1. Contact the institution or P&P field office where you are interested in volunteering. Ask for the Institutional Activities Coordinator (IAC) or the Volunteer Site Coordinator (VSC). Facility addresses and phone numbers can be accessed at doc.mo.gov.
2. Set up a time to meet with the IAC/VSC. Speak to them about volunteering at their facility and the skills you have to offer in assisting with programs, religious services, etc. This is also a good time to ask for a tour of the facility. If you are still not sure, you are allowed several program visits to determine your commitment.
3. If you are ready to commit, fill out an application and the IAC/VSC will begin the screening process. You are now on your way to becoming one of our many dedicated volunteers.

Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help.

-Heather French Henry