



Job Title: Criminal Justice Coordinator
Location: Lafayette, LA
Department: Mayor-President's Office | Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
Salary Range: \$21.63 - \$25.01 (DOE)
Position Type: Full Time
Position Open Until Filled

General Statement of Work

The CJCC Coordinator performs professional and technical work in support of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee under the supervision of the Chief of Staff within the Office of the Mayor-President.

The positions will provide guidance on behavioral health issues that may impact the criminal justice system, and recommend policies or programs for improvement. Engage in planning and meeting facilitation, data and policy analysis, research, oral and written presentation of material, coordination of long and short-term projects of high complexity, collection and distribution of information, and consultation to entities in the local criminal justice system. Employee has frequent contacts with local elected officials; judges; municipal, parish, and state department heads; community-based professionals; parish residents; clients in the justice system and their families; and victims.

While the position works for the entire Coordinating Committee the position reports to the Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) Chief of Staff operationally, and is an employee of the LCG.

Minimum Qualifications of the Position

A bachelor's degree in a relevant field such as social or behavioral science, statistics, law, criminal justice, public administration, business administration, public policy or political science, and a minimum of 1 years of related experience; or any equivalent combination of related education, training, and experience.

An equivalent combination of education and experience may be substituted.

Essential Job Functions and Duties

System Coordination Facilitation

- Drafts meeting agendas, strategic planning documents, and bylaws
- Facilitates and attends all Coordinating Committee or Subcommittee meetings
- Creates agendas
- Provides a structured process for addressing issues
- Helps the CJCC maintain a systemic focus over time and manages timelines for addressing issues strategically and with defined start and stopping times

- Facilitates two-way communication between the committee and all other justice system programmatic or operational committees (e.g., subcommittees or task forces and other stakeholders)
- Keeps records and documentation of proceedings and the committee's achievements
- Writes grants or assists agencies in writing grants that promote the committee's work (on a limited basis)

Research and Analysis

- Gathers pre-existing data from published sources or federal, state or local agencies' computer information systems
- Compiles and analyzes local data on trends and makes forecasts
- Monitors new policies and legislation with potential impact at the state and local levels
- Performs process and outcome evaluations of programs and policies
- Finds and distributes information on evidence-based or best practices, published statistical reports, and locally generated analysis

Presentation and Instruction

- Presents complex data and information in simplified and easily understood formats using tables, graphs, or other visual aids, and explains theoretical concepts in simplified terms

Project Management

- Plans, coordinates, and achieves all components of projects from beginning to end
- Produces deliverables and maintains a highly organized records system
- Provides information about specialized content areas
- Makes data based, best practice recommendations to committee members on making programmatic or operational improvements.
- Conducts customized analyses of agency-specific data and prescribes summary reports

Abilities, Skills, Knowledge

Abilities

- Think independently, rationally, analytically, and critically
- Relate effectively to a variety of professionals and other individuals in a variety of contexts
- Motivate self and others to pursue and accept change to the status quo, when appropriate
- Tactfully manage the concerns of policymakers who sometimes have competing priorities
- Empathically listen to others
- Maintain a systemic perspective of the justice system

Skills

- Conduct original research using the scientific method
- Collect and synthesize existing and relevant research literature
- Apply principles of the scientific method to research and analytic activities
- Analyze data using statistical procedures and tests
- Perform research, analysis, and writing
- Clearly and concisely communicate complex ideas orally and in writing
- Use word processing, spreadsheet, database, presentation, statistical, e-mail, and Internet software applications

- Develop and maintain electronic or paper documentation of short and long-term projects in an organized manner
- Consistently meet deadlines
- Convey to stakeholders a sense of professionalism, neutrality, and technical expertise
- Combine new information and data with existing information and data to inform recommendations for future actions
- Apply individual and group problem-solving and decision-making processes to novel situations
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships as necessitated by work assignments
- Perform duties with a minimal level of supervision

Knowledge

- Professional experience working with current or former justice-involved individuals.
- Considerable knowledge of current evidence-based practices for substance use disorder treatment.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and update policies and procedures to ensure program efficacy.
- Professional experience working with jail-based treatment programs or specialty dockets.
- Interface among governmental and service agencies both within and outside of the justice system (e.g., social services or education system)
- Understand evidence-based practices in adult corrections, prevention and treatment of violence, criminal behavior, mental health and substance use
- Apply techniques for effective group facilitation and presentation

Type of Work Environment

Work for this position is a full-time (40 hours per week) position. The vast majority of job functions will be carried out inside an office setting.

How to Apply:

Qualified candidates are invited to submit their resume, a cover letter, and professional references to applicant@LafayetteLA.gov include "**Criminal Justice Coordinator**" in the job interest subject line.