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STATE	ADULT SUPERVISION UNIFIED	PROBATION LOCATION	PROBATION CLASSIFICATION	ARMED	ARREST POWERS	JUVENILE SUPERVISION UNIFIED	PROBATION LOCATION	PROBATION CLASSIFICATION	ARMED	ARREST POWERS
Alabama	yes	Legislative Branch; Board of Pardons and Paroles	Law enforcement	yes; carry a .40 caliber	yes	yes	Unified Judicial System; Admin. Office of the Courts	not	prohibited	when court approved
Alaska	yes	Executive; Dept. of Corrections; Div. of Probation and Parole	peace officers	yes; carry a .40 caliber	no	yes	Executive; Div. of Juvenile Justice	peace officers	prohibited	yes
Arizona	no	Supreme Court; Admin. Office of Courts	peace officers	if requested	yes	no	Supreme Court; Admin. Office of Courts	peace officers	if requested	yes
Arkansas	yes	Dept. of Community Correction	Law enforcement	mandatory	yes	no	Juvenile Div. of Circuit Court	peace officers	no	no
California	no	Probation Department per each county	peace officers	determined by each county	yes; if required to carry a firearm	no	Probation Department per each county	peace officers	yes; determined by each county	yes; if required to carry a firearm
Colorado	no	Judicial Branch	peace officer II	no	limited arrest powers	no	Judicial Branch	peace officer II	no	limited arrest powers
Connecticut	no	Judiciary; Court Support Services Division	peace officers	no	yes	no	Judiciary; Court Support Services Division	peace officers	no	yes
Delaware	yes	Division of Probation and Parole, Bureau of Community Custody and Supervision, Department of Corrections, Executive Branch	peace officers	mandatory	yes	yes	Community Services, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services, Department of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families	Serious Juvenile Offender Officers; peace officers	Serious Juvenile Offender Officers; firearm required, all other officers forbidden	Serious Juvenile Offender Officers; arrest powers
District of Columbia	yes	Community Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA); Executive Branch of Federal Government	Law enforcement, community supervision officers	no		no	District of Columbia Superior Court, Social Services Division	not peace officer	no, but permitted	yes

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Florida	yes	Department of Correction, Office of Community Corrections, Executive Branch	not peace officer	optional	yes	yes	Department of Juvenile Justice, Probation and Community Corrections Branch, Executive Branch	law enforcement	mandatory; .40 caliber	yes
Georgia	no	Probation Division of the Department of Corrections, Executive Branch	peace officers	yes; carry a .40 caliber	yes	yes	Department of Juvenile Justice, Executive Branch	not peace officer	no	yes
Hawaii	no	State Judiciary Department, Adult Client Services Branch	social work category	no	yes, but do not arrest	yes	Juvenile Client Services Branch, Family Courts, Judiciary	not peace officer	no, but permitted	no
Idaho	yes	Department of Correction, Community Corrections Division, Executive	not peace officer	optional	yes	yes	Association of Counties, County Commissioners	not peace officer	no	no
Illinois	no	Probation Department per each county, Judiciary	peace officers	determined by each county	yes	no	Probation Department per each county, Judiciary	peace officers	determined by each county	yes
Indiana	no	Judicial Departments within each county	not peace officer	determined by each county	no	no	Judicial Departments within each county	not peace officer	determined by each county	no
Iowa	yes	Multi-County District Departments of Correctional Services, Iowa Department of Corrections	peace officers	yes		yes	Juvenile Court Officers, Judiciary	peace officers	no	yes
Kansas	no	Local probation departments, Judiciary	not peace officer	no	no	no	Office of Judicial Administration, Judiciary	court service officers	no	limited arrest powers
Kentucky	yes	Community Services and Facilities' Division of Probation and Parole, Department of Corrections, Executive	peace officer	optional	yes	yes	Department of Juvenile Justice, Program Operations Division, Executive	not peace officer	no	no

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Louisiana	no	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole, Executive	peace officers	mandatory	yes	no	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Youth Development, Division of Youth Services, Executive	peace officers	yes	no
Maine	yes	Department of Corrections, Division of Adult Community Corrections, Executive	not peace officer	optional	yes	yes	Maine Department of Corrections, Division of Juvenile Services, executive state agency, Executive	law enforcement	no	limited arrest powers
Maryland	yes	Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Division of Probation and Parole, Executive	not peace officer	no	no	yes	Maryland Department of Juvenile Justice, Executive	not peace officer	no	no
Massachusetts	no	Office of the Commissioner of Probation & Office of Community Corrections, Judicial	not peace officer	no	no	no	Office of the Commissioner of Probation & Office of Community Corrections, Judicial	not peace officer	no	no
Michigan	yes	Michigan Department of Corrections, Field Operations Administration, Executive	not peace officer	yes	no	yes	Bureau of Juvenile Justice, Michigan Family Independency Agency	not peace officer	no	no
Minnesota	yes	Community Corrections per county & Minnesota Department of Corrections	not peace officer	no	limited arrest powers	yes	Community Corrections per county & Minnesota Department of Corrections	not peace officer	no	limited arrest powers
Mississippi	yes	Department of Corrections, Division of Community Services, Executive	law enforcement	optional	yes	yes	Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services, Office of the Community Service	not peace officer	no	no

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Missouri	yes	Missouri Department of Corrections, Board of Probation and Parole, Executive	not peace officer	optional	yes	no	Circuit Courts, Judiciary	not peace officer	no	yes
Montana	yes	Department of Corrections, Community Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole, Executive	not peace officer	yes; carry a .40 caliber	yes	no	District Courts, Montana Supreme Court	not peace officer	no	no
Nebraska	no	Nebraska Probation System, Judiciary	not peace officer	no	yes	no	Nebraska Probation System, Judiciary	not peace officer	no	yes
Nevada	yes	Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Parole and Probation	state peace officer	yes; carry a .40 caliber	not listed	no	District juvenile courts, Judiciary	peace officer II	determined locally	yes
New Hampshire	yes	Department of Corrections, Division of Field Services, Executive	not peace officer	yes; carry a .40 caliber	yes	yes	Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Juvenile Justice Services, Executive	not peace officer	no	yes
New Jersey	no	Administrative Office of the Courts, Judiciary	not peace officer	no	limited arrest powers	no	Administrative Office of the Courts, Judiciary	not peace officer	no	limited arrest powers
New Mexico	yes	Probation and Parole Division, New Mexico Corrections Department, Executive	peace officers	optional	yes	yes	New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department, Juvenile Justice Division, Executive	not peace officer	no	limited arrest powers
New York	no	Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, Executive	peace officers	yes	yes	no	Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, Executive	peace officers	yes	yes
North Carolina	yes	Division of Community Corrections, Department of Corrections, Executive	probation officers: high-risk, high-need; PO II PO III; low-risk, low-need; community probation officers, PO I	PO I prohibited; PO II or PO III .357 or .38 caliber	yes	yes	North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Executive	not peace officer	no	limited arrest powers

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North Dakota	yes	Division of Field Services, Department of Corrections, Executive	peace officers	yes; carry a .40 caliber	yes	no	Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Services, Supreme Court Administrator's Office, Judiciary	corrections specialists	no	no
Ohio	no	County Court of Common Pleas & Ohio Adult Parole Authority, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation	law enforcement	decided locally	yes	no	Juvenile Judge, Chief Probation Officer, elected county official	not listed	determined by each county	no
Oklahoma	yes	Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole/Community Corrections	peace officers	mandatory	yes	yes	Office of Juvenile Affairs, Department of Juvenile Justice, Executive	not peace officer	no	no
Oregon	yes	Department of Corrections, County Commissioners, Executive	peace officers	determined by each county	yes	yes	Oregon Youth Authority, Executive	not peace officer	no	limited arrest powers
Pennsylvania	yes	Dual system: state and county system, Judicial branch & Board of Probation and Parole, Executive branch	declared peace officer only if authorized to carry a firearm; authorization determined by President Judge	yes if permitted by President Judge	granted full police powers and authority	yes	Bureau of Probation Services, Office of Probation and Parole Services, President Judge per county	declared peace officer only if authorized to carry a firearm; authorization determined by President Judge	yes if permitted by President Judge	granted full police powers and authority
Rhode Island	yes	Community Corrections, Division of Rehabilitative Services, Department of Corrections; Executive	not peace officers	no	no	yes	Department of Children, Youth and Families' Division of Juvenile Correctional Services Probation and Parole Field Services, Executive	not peace officers	no	no

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South Carolina	yes	South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services; Executive	Class One Police Officers	yes; carry a .40 caliber	yes	yes	Department of Juvenile Justice's Community Services Division; Executive	not listed	no	no
South Dakota	no	Unified Judicial System Court Services Department; Judiciary	not peace officers	no	yes	no	Unified Judicial System Court Services Department; Judiciary	not peace officers	no	yes
Tennessee	yes	Board of Probation and Parole, Division of Field Services; Executive	not peace officers	no	no	yes	Probation Division, Tennessee Department of Children's Services; Executive	not peace officers	no	no
Texas	no	Community Supervision and Corrections Departments, Chief Probation Officer; Judicial	not peace officers	no	limited arrest powers	no	Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, Local County Board	not peace officers	no	yes
Utah	yes	Division of Adult Probation and Parole, Utah Department of Corrections; Executive	law enforcement	yes; carry a .40 caliber	yes	no	Juvenile Court, State Court Administrator; Judiciary	not peace officers	no	yes
Vermont	yes	Vermont Department of Corrections, Agency of Human Services; Executive	corrections services specialists	no	yes	yes	Agency of Human Services, Department of Children and Families; Executive	social worker	no	not listed
Virginia	yes	Virginia Department of Corrections' Community Corrections; Executive	not peace officers	personal discretion	yes, but not enforced	no	Department of Juvenile Justice, Division of Community Programs; Executive	not peace officers	personal discretion	yes, but not enforced

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Washington	yes	Department of Corrections, Community Corrections Division	not peace officers	yes; carry a 9mm	yes	yes	Washington's Department of Social and Health services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, Community Programs; Executive	peace officers	no	yes
West Virginia	no	Supreme Courts of Appeals	not peace officers	optional	yes	yes	Supreme Court of Appeals; Judiciary	not peace officers	optional	yes
Wisconsin	yes	Division of Community Corrections, Wisconsin Department of Corrections; Executive	not peace officers	no	no	no	Social service departments & Circuit Courts	not peace officers	no	no
Wyoming	yes	Department of Corrections, Division of Field Services, Executive	not peace officers	no	yes	yes	Department of Family Services, Field Operations Division; Executive	not peace officers	no	no