Criminal Justice Codes of Ethics

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The role of parole and probation departments is to supervise and interrogate in the proceedings of those perpetrators whose final verdict for jail have not been finalized by the court yet (Paparozzi & DeMichele, 2008). These departments are also responsible to thoroughly analyze and supervise the cases of those convicts who got a bail-out from jail after the parole board or a warden reviews and consider whether the release from prison of the convict is feasible or not. These departments may be liable to operate on the directions conveyed to them by the court. However, regardless of these instructions, parole and probation departments still have some familiar roles to work on. These roles may include critical watch on criminals who are placed under strict supervision and investigate the history of the convicted individual before the court gives their final verdict for the criminal’s punishment.

Parole and probation agencies have to work according to a specific code of ethics. In , the USA, several associations and departments design a code of ethics for the respective agencies. Three of such firms are mentioned in the example below:

1. The law of ethics developed by the Missouri department of corrections
2. Probation, parole and correction association located in California
3. Probation, parole and pardons code designed by the State of Delaware

Missouri Department of Corrections provides a code of ethics that is discussed with a complete explanation in a handbook for employees. It gives an overview from the departmental perspective and describes the ethical standards and moral values the firm expects from its employees in a detailed and specific manner (Botnick, 2015).

California Parole, Probation & Correctional Association (CPPCA) is among America’s largest and oldest professional association for correction and supervision of parole and probation employees (Rafter et al., 2017). Unlike Missouri corrections, CPPCA is not a handbook, but instead, it is a professional association that lays down a complete code of ethics on its website. It is the state’s only correctional association which supervise the cases of infants and adults, both at municipal and state level. It also addresses the correctional employees of institution and field and all other common but professional citizens who are interested in learning more about corrections.

The State of Delaware lays down a complete framework featuring the duties and responsibilities that parole and probation officers are liable to exercise. This code also describes as to what the officers will get in the form of resources from their department. Delaware code also elaborates the assigned duties to the officers. Unlike Missouri and California, Delaware code is not stated in the form of association or department. This code of ethics is specified by the government of the State of Delaware.

Despite being a little different to each other, the common aspect among all the three code of ethics is that all codes primarily address the duties and responsibilities which the employees of parole and probation agencies should follow in the most ethical way possible. As I draft the new code of ethics, I would consider California's correction codes to be the most suitable to be part of my new system. This is because California’s correction codes are the oldest in the country and thus can be considered as the most reliable code of ethics for parole and probation departments. Therefore, I will adopt this code to increase professionalism in my agency. The older codes are the most trustworthy code of ethics which have been practiced by professional parole and probation managerial employees for a long time.

For Instance, if no code achieves my desired outcome; I would make a handbook like Missouri department. Moreover, I would write the code of ethics according to California style, but I would not make these code of ethics to be confined and limited to only one region of USA. I would make them get implemented all across America. To make employees work according to the new code of ethics, they will need training. The better training method in this regard will verbal lectures and appropriate assessment from employees. Trained employees will be essential to run the agency with enormous success in the long-run.

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