



## Job Opportunities

### Special Recruitment Psychologists and Psychiatrists MDO Evaluators

The Department of Mental Health Forensic Services MDO Unit contracts with licensed, experienced psychologists and psychiatrists to conduct Mentally Disordered Offender (MDO) evaluations of inmates within California's State prison system.

The purpose of conducting MDO evaluations is to determine if, according to Penal Code Sections 2960 et. Seq., specifically identified inmates will be required to receive mental health treatment as a condition of parole. This section of the law is commonly referred to as MDO law.

The MDO Unit offers contracts to qualified applicants who demonstrate the capacity or potential for doing evaluations according to the DMH-MDO protocol and with minimum supervision. Accordingly, contracts are offered to applicants based on the satisfactory completion of a mock evaluation or submission of a series of actual MDO evaluations completed by the applicant. The DMH - MDO protocol calls for evaluations that are utilitarian – clinically and legally sound, accurate, fact based, and well-focused on those specific issues that are framed by the language of the MDO law. The Chief MDO Clinical Coordinator and the MDO Program Administrator review the sample evaluations and make the final determination as to whether or not the evaluations satisfactorily meet MDO protocol.

Upon the successful completion of the mock evaluation or review of previously completed evaluations, applicants will be placed on probation where they receive direct consultation and support from the Chief MDO Clinical Coordinator while completing a limited number of evaluations. Upon the successful completion of probation, the applicants will be placed on the MDO evaluator panel and available for assignments as needed.

The MDO Unit maintains a geographic list of active contract evaluators who are assigned, on a weekly basis, to conduct evaluations at various prisons.

If you are interested, please call or send a written letter of interest to:

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The MDO Unit is also responsible for collecting the names of licensed psychiatrists and licensed psychologists for submission to the Board of Prison Terms to serve as independent evaluators. For more information [LINK TO INDEPENDENT EVALUATOR WEB.PDF](#)

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