

# **Niel L. Thoreson**

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## **Professional Summary**

- Self-motivated and creative professional with diverse managerial and program implementation experience.
- Innovative communicator with exceptional writing, presenting and interpersonal communications skills.
- Adept at evaluating strengths and needs, generating options, and identifying solutions in partnership with cross divisional staff and community stakeholders.
- Highly proficient in Microsoft Office 365. Ability and interest in incorporating new technology to more efficiently and cost effectively accomplish organizational goals.
- Fluent in Spanish. Extensive familiarity with working alongside individuals from various ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

## **Experience**

### **Department of Corrections, Milwaukee County, Region 3**

2013-  
Present

Regional Chief

Responsibilities

- Direct day to day operations for nearly 400 staff, including approximately 275 probation and parole agents who supervise more than 20,000 clients with ties to Milwaukee County.
- Lead the implementation of evidence based programming and intervention strategies vetted by scientific study and research.
- Sustain and strengthen relationships with community partners and work collaboratively to resourcefully address common issues, such as public safety and recidivism.

### **Department of Corrections, Waukesha County, Region 7**

2009-  
2013

Corrections Field Supervisor-Bilingual

Responsibilities

- Acted as a liaison to county agencies, represented the Department on community organizations and at public events, and proactively engaged in community outreach initiatives.
- Undertook the development and construction of a day report center.
- Served as an Interstate Compact Specialist, a personnel investigator, a revocation and a custody credit expert and a resource for Spanish translation needs.
- Actively participated in numerous statewide committees, volunteered to train new staff and assisted in the recruitment process for agents and field supervisors.

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**Sojourner Family Peace Center**2008-  
2013

Bilingual Group Facilitator  
Responsibilities

- Oversaw delivery of cognitive intervention based curriculum to males with identified needs in the areas of power and control and interfamilial violence.
- Attended multiple trainings in motivational interviewing and trauma informed care in order to enhance effectiveness as a facilitator.
- Participated in community outreach events and activities to increase public awareness around the issue of domestic violence, particularly amongst the Latino population of the City of Milwaukee.

**Department of Corrections, Milwaukee County, Region 3**2008-  
2009

Corrections Field Supervisor-Sex Offender Unit  
Responsibilities

- Managed a staff comprised of 13 agents whose caseloads consisted exclusively of clients with sexually motivated convictions.
- Guided the placement of special bulletin notice sex offenders by networking with law enforcement and community stakeholders and conducting community notification meetings.
- Completed specialized training in the areas of sex offender risk dynamics and utilized the skills obtained therein to train staff and enhance client accountability.

**Department of Corrections, Milwaukee County, Region 3**2006-  
2008

Corrections Field Supervisor-Intake Unit  
Responsibilities

- Supervised 6 comprehensive probation and parole agents and 6 agents whose job duties entailed writing the majority of the presentence investigations for Milwaukee County.
- Administered case intake for Milwaukee County and directed the flow of cases to units with the aim of equalizing workloads and limiting agent overtime.
- Served as principal liaison to the Milwaukee County Criminal Courts, the District Attorney's Office and the Office of the Clerk of Courts.

**Education**1998-  
2001**UW-Milwaukee**

- Bachelor of Science Major: Criminal Justice Minor: Spanish
- Accomplishments: Graduated Summa Cum Laude with a cumulative GPA of 4.0; Member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor's Society; Member of the Criminal Justice Student Association; Winner of the Virginia Burke Freshman Writing Contest.

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