# Sample Public Defender Social Work Referral Form

The sample referral form included here was provided by a North Carolina public defender office. It can be used as a starting point for creating a referral system for social work staff. **However, the form might not be exactly right for your jurisdiction.** Feel free to edit this sample to fit your needs!

If your office uses a social work referral form and you are willing to add it to this collection, please contact Hannah Turner, Lab Senior Project Manager, at [hturner@sog.unc.edu](mailto:hturner@sog.unc.edu).

Samples are de-identified to remove jurisdiction-specific information.



**Request for Social Work Services**

Please email all referrals directly to the Social Worker

*Complete the referral in its entirety and email*

*as an attachment.*

Office of the Public Defender

Social Work Team

Social Worker’s Phone Ext.

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Attorney(s): Date of Referral:

Client Name: PID: DOB:

Phone: Alt Contact:

Address:

**Upcoming Court date(s):**

**URGENT  (upcoming bond hearing, etc.):**

Charge(s):

Likely Sentence/Resolution:

Custody Status/Location:

On Sex Offender Registry (Yes/No): Assigned Investigator:

**Reason for Referral (check all that apply):**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Evaluation** | **Advocacy/Mitigation** | **Services** | **Social Work Consult** |
| Needs Assessment  Comprehensive Client  Assessment  Competency Concerns | Disposition Report  Request for Social  Worker to Appear  in Court  Other Written  Advocacy | Mental Health  Substance Use  Employment/Training  Housing  Other | Services/Eligibility  Criteria  Case Consult |

**Interpreter Services Needed?**

**Does the client have… Private Insurance  Medicaid  No Insurance**

**Is the client connected with any programs/services? Yes  No**

**If yes, please share the contact information of the program/service?**

**Reasons for referral and additional comments/conditional offer (please be specific, add additional pages if necessary)**