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# THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY COUNSELORS IN INCREASING CLIENTS SELF-CONTROL AT THE CORRECTIONAL CENTER CLASS I BANDAR LAMPUNG

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**Abstract:** The Correctional Center class I Bandar Lampung, hereinafter referred to as Bapas, plays an important role in providing guidance to juvenile and adult clients so that the clients can live well in society. Bapas itself has the main task and function of being a community supervisor who has the responsibility of guiding WBP (Correctional Prisoners) based on the rules and regulations of the institution that are still valid. The aim is to guide WBP to have awareness in order to make themselves better and not commit criminal acts that they have committed before or more severe criminal acts. The role of Community Counselors is carried out in the form of tasks and functions of community a crime, starting from the pre-sentencing and post-sentencing stages. During the pre-sentencing and sentencing process, Community Counselors are tasked with conducting community investigations and assisting ABH (Children in conflict with the law) as well as adult prisoners or adult clients.

## Keywords: Adult Clients; Child Clients; Community Counselors

# I. INTRODUCTION

One of the developments in law violations and crimes committed by society today is the development of perpetrators. Currently, violations of the law and crimes can be committed by children not only by adults. When adults and children are treated equally before the law, then crimes and violations of the law committed by children must also be punished in accordance with applicable law. Given that the quality and quantity of public order offenses and violations of applicable laws committed by children and adolescents that lead to crimes tend to increase, we will pay greater attention to prevention and treatment, especially in the following areas: It now looks like this. Juvenile criminal law and applicable procedural law.<sup>1</sup>

The various types of crimes that often occur in society are caused by different problems. For example, they do this because of the demands of the need to fulfill their daily needs that force them to commit criminal acts. However, some people commit crimes and crimes for genetic reasons. In order to uphold order, peace, and a sense of justice in society, crimes committed must be punished in proportion to the acts and deeds committed. In the efforts to foster correctional clients social integration is very important. Social integration is a process of coaching clients who have met certain requirements for life and social reintegration under the guidance and supervision of the correctional center (Bapas).<sup>2</sup>

Correctional Center (Bapas) is a technical implementation part of the Directorate General of Corrections which is directly accountable to the head of the regional office of the Ministry of Law and Human Rights. Bapas is a part of correctional implementation that has a mission to provide counseling to correctional clients. In addition to carrying out the function of counseling, Bapas also plays a crucial role in the criminal justice system. The main functions of Bapas are: Guidance, Assistance, Supervision, and Community Research conducted by Community Counselors. Bapas has the main task and function as a PK or community supervisor who carries out the task of provide guidance to WBP based on applicable laws and regulations. Aiming to provide guidance to WBP to have awareness to make themselves better and not repeat the criminal acts they have committed before or more severe criminal acts. This has the aim of forming clients to be able to realize mistakes, improve themselves in order to become fully human, and not repeat criminal acts so that they can return and be accepted into the community environment.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Agung Wahyono, Siti Rahayu, 1993. *Tinjauan Tentang Peradilan Anak di Indonesia*. Jakarta: Sinar Grafika, p. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Dwidja Priyatno, 2006. *Sistem Pelaksanaan Pidana Penjara di Indonesia*. Bandung: Refika Aditama.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Dwianto Bayu Susanto, 2013. *Pola Pelaksanaan Bimbingan Narapidana Selama Pembebasan Bersyarat untuk Tidak Melakukan Tindak Pidana (Studi di Balai Pemasyarakatan Klas I Malang)*. Brawijaya Law Student Journal 1, no. 2, p. 1-18.

Community counselors act as rehabilitation agents. The focus is on individual counseling (*casework*), treatment, and reintegration of clients including supervision and control of clients. Parole clients are not merely free from the penitentiary. Clients who receive parole are not simply released from the penitentiary. If parole is granted, a grace period (probation period) must also be determined, as well as the conditions that must be met or carried out during the probation period. Conditional release is made on the condition that the client does not break the law or commit any other unlawful act. It is also permissible to impose special conditions on the behavior of prisoners without prejudice to their religious and political rights.

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Another task carried out by the PK is to carry out supervision, experts also provide their opinions regarding this supervision. One of them is according to Manullang, he argues that supervision is a step to decide what work needs to be given, assess and correct with the intention that its implementation is in accordance with the design.<sup>4</sup> Meanwhile, according to Sondang P. Siagian, supervision is a step to observe the implementation of all organizations in order to secure that all work being carried out is in accordance with the plans that have been prepared.<sup>5</sup>

Community Counselors play a crucial role in the *Integrated Criminal Justice System*. The role of the PK is realized in the form of duties and functions of community counseling at the stages of the criminal justice system for everyone who commits criminal acts, starting from the pre-sentencing and post-sentencing stages. During the pre-sentencing and sentencing process, Community Counselors are tasked with conducting community investigations and mentoring for ABH as well as for adult

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Manullang, 2012. *Dasar-Dasar Manajemen*. Yogyakarta: Gajahmada University Press, p. 92.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Sondang P. Siagian, 2005. *Fungsi-Fungsi Manajerial, Cetakan Pe*. Jakarta: Bumi Aksara, p. 135.

prisoners or adult clients.<sup>6</sup> In the juvenile criminal justice process, the role of Community Counselors is increasingly broad so that they can play an active role in the investigation and investigation process, prosecution and when the judge makes a decision, as regulated in Law Number 11/2012 concerning the Juvenile Criminal Justice System. To carry out diversion, the police, prosecutors and judges make the results of correctional research and PK assistance as material for consideration.<sup>7</sup>

The role of Community Supervisors was further strengthened by the enactment of Law No. 11/2012 on the Juvenile Criminal Justice System. The main focus of the SPPA Law is on diversion and restorative justice for the best interests of the child. Law 11/2012 has placed the position and role of Community Supervisors to be very central. Based on the current SPPA Law, the handling of Community Supervisors towards ABH is carried out from upstream to downstream. Article 23 Paragraph 1 states that at every level of examination, children must be accompanied by a Community Counselor. Even the role of Community Counselors is also bound by a certain time, this can be seen from Article 28 which emphasizes the results of Community Research (Litmas) must be submitted by BAPAS to the Investigator within a maximum of 3 x 24 hours.

#### **II. RESEARCH METHODS**

In this study, the type of research used by the author is normativeempirical legal research (*applied normative law*). Empirical normative legal research is the real behavior (*in action*) of each person as a cause of the enactment of normative law, this behavior can be observed clearly and is a proof of whether people have behaved in accordance or not in accordance with the provisions of normative law (laws and regulations / sale and purchase agreements / contracts) and the object of normativeempirical law, namely the law in reality or the application of normative law and the results of its application, the results are in accordance or not in accordance with the normative law.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Direktur Jenderal Balitbang Kumham Pemasyarakatan, *Pelaksanaan Pembinaan Jabatan Fungsional tertentu Pembimbing Kemasyarakatan*, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Peraturan Pemerintah Nomor 65 Tahun 2015 Tentang Pedoman Pelaksanaan Diversi dan Penanganan Anak yang belum 12 tahun Tentang Pedoman Pelaksaan Diversi.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Eddy Pranjoto, 2011. *Modul Khusus Sistematika & Uraian Menulis Karya Ilmiah Bidang Hukum*. Surabaya: Pustaka Akhlak, p. 58.

### **III. ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION**

Technology that is growing rapidly not only shows the advantages and convenience for humans, but also has a huge negative impact on society, especially for the younger generation who are approaching adulthood and still looking for something. Their identity is to be themselves. This negative impact has had a huge impact on the younger generation, resulting in many crimes committed by the younger generation who are still in junior high school and high school. Without the active support and guidance of their parents, out of curiosity, they (the youth) experience disobedience to the rules of Islam and the applicable legal regulations.<sup>9</sup>

One of the activities carried out by the Correctional Center Class II Bandar Lampung in the criminal justice process is to provide assistance to juvenile and adult clients. As mentioned in Article 1 Point 20 of the Corrections Law which states that the Correctional Center, hereinafter referred to as Bapas, is an institution or place to carry out the function of Community Guidance for clients. While carrying out their duties as Community Counselors (PK), there are significant differences in providing guidance between juvenile and adult clients.

In assisting juvenile clients, Bapas has the following role: Prior to trial, one of the duties of the Correctional Center is to assist juvenile clients from the investigation process and make community research.<sup>10</sup> Given the importance and scope of the use of case studies to help judges make appropriate and fair decisions and determine guidance therapy, the content of this community research report is a background that must be able to provide an overview of the client. All issues concerning their life and social environment can be covered in the content of the community research report.<sup>11</sup>

After the trial, of course, the child client has received a judge's decision, and the duty of the Community Supervisor of the Correctional Center is to carry out what is stated in the judge's decision. The Community Supervisor will continue to assist the Child until he has completed his sentence and undergone job training until he returns to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Mega Widyawati, 2018. *Tindak Pidana Persebutuhan pada Anak Ditinjau dari Hukum Positif dan Hukum Islam*. Jurnal USM Law Review 1, no. 1, p. 68-81.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Observation Results at Class I Bandar Lampung Correctional Center.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Alif Jabaaral Thoriiq, 2018. Analisis Yuridis Peran Balai Pemasyarakatan (BAPAS) Terhadap Anak yang Ditempatkan di Lembaga Penyelenggara Kesejahteraan Sosial (LPKS) (Studi di BAPAS Kelas I Medan). "Thesis" Medan: Universitas Sumatera Utara

the community. Many things are done by community supervisors when assisting children's clients, some of the roles that can be performed by a Community Supervisor in general are:

a) Providing Strong Motivation

The process of creating face-to-face relationships carried out with a sympathetic and empathetic attitude full of understanding and acceptance can be a very meaningful motivational factor for children in reviewing various attitudes and behavior so far. PK will provide motivation for children to encourage and rebuild the identity that has been lost.

b) Provide Space for Emotional Outlets

An emotionally safe space to express and verbalize feelings, fears, frustrations, and hopes and aspirations is much needed for the accused. The Community Supervisor is the one who can provide the opportunity to express and verbalize this situation. In this case, children feel they have space and what they feel can be channeled so that there is no sense of pressure.

c) Providing Assistance with the Decision to be Made

Community counselors guide children to rationally consider their problems and the various alternatives that are still open as a solution to the situation. In this case, the age of the child is still very unstable, the need for assistance and supervision and guidance from the community supervisor is very influential on what is determined. It is hoped that children will be able to stand back and support themselves on their footing so that they do not fall back into the bad things they have done.

- d) Provides Assistance in Understanding the Situation Community Counselors not only help children to think about the problem or situation but also to have the ability to empathize. Then the client can be guided to improve himself and his behavior with the facts, which aims for the client to change his pattern of life.
- e) Providing Assistance to Create Changes in the Social Environment Through understanding the systems and resources in society, community counselors help the family, which is the client's social environment, to make an effort to make certain changes in the client's adaptation process both while serving their sentence and when they are released.
- f) Providing Assistance to Realign Behavior Patterns This assistance is mainly provided to clients who experience serious personality problems, who require quite a long time, to overcome the problems they face, such as narcotics problems.

In addition to supporting the guidance carried out by community supervisors to correctional clients, Class II Correctional Center Bandar Lampung has also collaborated with 21 (twenty-one) Pokmas Lipas (Community Care Groups) based on the PKS (Cooperation Agreement) that has been mutually agreed upon, including as follows:

No.	Nama Pokmas Lipas	Bidang
1	IPWL Rumah Rehabilitasi House of Serenity	Law
2	Karoseri RG Custom	Skills
3	Djayid Konveksi	Skills
4	Yatim Mandiri	Skills
5	Jaringan ODHA Berdaya	Skills
6	PK Jati Antik	Skills
7	PKBM Nusa Indah	Personality
8	HIMPSI	Personality
9	Fak. Psikologi UML	Personality
10	STKIP PGRI Bandar Lampung	Personality
11	LPKS Insan Berguna	Personality
12	Rehabilitasi BNN Loka Kalianda	Law
13	PT Persatuan Mantan Tahanan	Skills
14	PT Marsha Global Utama	Skills
15	CV Jaya Anggara Farm	Skills
16	CV Kaisar Jaya Plastik	Skills
17	CV Aksara Bangun Sentosa	Skills
18	PT Agri Lestari Nusantara	Skills
19	CV Kerja Pesat Jaya	Skills
20	Yayasan Nur Arrohmannirrohiim Kamil	Personality
21	Politeknik Negeri Lampung	Skills/Law

 Table 1: List of Class I Lipas Bapas Pokmas Bandar Lampung

Currently the Correctional Center must and is required to have Griya Abhipraya (GA). Griya Abhipraya is a halfway house with the aim of improving prisoners so that when they leave prison they can be productive in the community, which of course in this case PK plays an important role in the process of assisting correctional clients. And currently the Correctional Center class II Bandar Lampung already has Griya Abhipraya which has collaborated with various Lipas community groups including:

No.	Nama Pokmas Lipas	Bidang
1	IPWL Rumah Rehabilitasi House of Serenity	Personality Guidance
2	Kroseri RG Custom	Self-reliance Guidance, Job Training Referrals and Alternative Criminal Procedure
3	Djayid Konveksi	Self-reliance Guidance, Job Training Referrals and Alternative Criminal Procedure, Provision of Employment Opportunities
4	Yatim Mandiri	Self-reliance Guidance
5	PT Persatuan Mantan Tahanan	Coffee Business Unit
6	PT Marsha Global Utama	Self-reliance Guidance
7	CV Jaya Anggara Farm	Self-reliance Guidance
8	CV Kaisar Jaya Plastik	Self-reliance Guidance, Job Training Referrals and Alternative Criminal Procedure, Provision of Employment Opportunities
9	CV Aksara Bangun Sentosa	Coffee and Tofu Business Unit, Self- reliance Guidance, Job Training Referrals and Alternative Criminal Procedure, Provision of Employment Opportunities
10	PT Agri Lestari Nusantara	Self-reliance Guidance, Job Training Referrals and Alternative Criminal Procedure, Provision of Employment Opportunities
11	CV Kerja Pesat Jaya	Self-reliance Guidance, Job Training Referrals and Alternative Criminal Procedure
12	Yayasan Nur Arrohmannirrohiim Kamil	Self-reliance Guidance

 Table 2: List of Pokmas Lipas Griya Abhipraya Bandar Lampung

In contrast to juvenile clients, adult clients are not accompanied by a community counselor from the investigation stage but will be accompanied by a community counselor or PK after a judge's decision. Adult clients will get assimilation after serving 2/3 (two-thirds) of the criminal period. Community counselors have a very crucial role in assisting adult clients in overcoming the problems they face and helping them to improve their quality of life. The implementation of guidance and supervision of correctional clients in undergoing assimilation and integration in the community must carry out mandatory reporting, as a form of responsibility from correctional clients in conveying their condition and also proving that clients still have good intentions in undergoing assimilation and integration.

Community supervisors have the same specific objectives in the implementation of guidance for adult clients or child clients, namely:12

- a) PK develops the social of correctional clients which aims to help clients acquire good social skills so they are able to interact positively with other people.
- b) PK improves leadership and time management skills so that they become more productive and effective in everyday life.
- c) PK is able to overcome the client's emotional problems
- d) Mentoring that can improve work skills, so that they can get better jobs after being released from prison.
- e) Guidance can increase the ability to make the right decisions so that they have the ability to make the right decisions, to be able to avoid criminal behavior in the future.

# IV. CONCLUSION

The role of Community Counselors towards the guidance of correctional clients at the Correctional Center Class II Bandar Lampung is in the form of duties and functions of community guidance in the process and post-criminal justice stages starting from the stage before serving the sentence to after serving the sentence until returning to the community. Guidance to correctional clients is divided into 2 (two) areas of guidance, namely:

a) Skills Guidance

Skills coaching is guidance carried out by community counselors in the form of providing facilities or facilitating abilities or various kinds of skills possessed by correctional clients such as skills in workshops, tofu making,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Observation Results and Data Obtained at Class II Bandar Lampung Correctional Center.

seaweed making, flower board making, coffee training, agriculture. Community Counselors also accompany correctional clients in terms of assisting clients so that they can channel their skills according to their respective fields.

b) Personality Coaching

The second area is guidance which is carried out with the aim of improving the client's personality. Clients will take part in spiritual activities aimed at increasing faith or getting closer to God Almighty in Islamic boarding schools or other community groups that have collaborated with Bapas and in PK guidance, which focuses on carrying out activities aimed at improving personality.

The PK also plays a role in formulating the direction of legal resolution for children in conflict with the law in the form of Diversion, for District Court hearings, for children under 12 years of age, for witnesses and victims, for treatment at LPKA, for initial guidance, for assimilation, for integration, for CMK, for transfer and for guidance. Meanwhile, the guidance of adult clients is quite different from that of juvenile clients, adult clients will be accompanied by a community counselor after obtaining a court decision. Until now, the Class II Correctional Center has collaborated with 21 (twenty-one) Lipas Community Groups in Bandar Lampung and has had Griya Abhipraya or a shelter for correctional clients so that they can carry out productive activities with assistance from community supervisors. Griya Abhipraya also facilitates that correctional clients can channel their skills according to their talents or skills.

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