Career Ideas and Links

General suggestions:

- There is a substantial list of Internship opportunities (mostly in Iowa) listed on the Sociology and Criminal Justice Department website. This is worth looking at in detail! http://simpson.edu/sociology-criminal-justice/internships/field-experience-services-and-organizations/

- For many of these sites, you can often use key word searches to narrow down your areas of interest...analyst, research, intelligence, advocate, police, law enforcement, corrections, probation, etc. as well as geographic locations by city or state.

- Many of these sites will list both sworn and civilian positions at various agencies.

- You can also look for jobs on general job search sites and use some of the same key word searches depending on your area of interest. This is also more likely to bring provide some private sector positions as well.

- If you are interested in criminal justice jobs in a particular state, you will often need to search the individual state, county, or local cities within that state for jobs in law enforcement, corrections, analysis, etc. It helps to start by identifying the geographic area you are interested in and then look for specific agencies.

Personal Growth Sites:

http://www.linkedin.com LinkedIn is a professional networking site that allows you to search for jobs and be contacted. It is important to you create a professional, clear, LinkedIn site. Career Services holds mini-sessions on how to do so. Think of it as an expanded business card format, but not your entire resume. It has the option of uploading portfolios, project, and other media, so it has continued to become more important.

http://www.jobhuntersbible.com This is the companion site to “What Color is Your Parachute,” by Richard Bolles, a great book about finding a job, and finding a life – sometimes two different things. The book is a best seller and can be found at most public libraries. The website offers some quick tips about resumes, interviewing, and planning the job search.

General search engines for employment:

Helpful keywords may be investigator, police officer, analyst, counselor, social worker, officer, corrections, youth worker, and the like.

http://www.indeed.com Indeed is a meta-engine

http://www.monster.com Monster is another national search engine for employment/employers
Sometimes local jobs are posted here, rather than on national search engines.

Find employment on the Iowa DAS website, http://das.hre.iowa.gov/state_jobs.html, search job openings for all applicants, and then select by agency, geographic location, or all open state jobs.

**Websites for Potential Career Positions**

**Social/human services**

http://www.peacecorps.gov  A global focus for service and justice.

http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps  A national focus for service.

http://iowa.gov/Health_and_Human_Services  Directory for Iowa Health and Human Services many state organizations. Clink on links and then go to those websites for more information and possible employment information.

http://www.dhs.state.ia.us  Iowa Department of Human Services, statewide. Find employment on the Iowa DAS website, http://das.hre.iowa.gov/state_jobs.html, search job openings for all applicants, and then select by agency.


http://www.yessiowa.org/employment.aspx  Youth Emergency And Shelter Services, a Des Moines area facility.


http://www.cfiowa.org/HumanResources/ForJobSeekers.aspx  Children and Families of Iowa, a domestic violence services agency in Des Moines.

http://cms.polkcountyiowa.gov/Attorney/Criminal/vaAboutUs.aspx  Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services, provides direct services for victims of sexual assault as well as other services.
**Law Enforcement**

Here are some national websites:

Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) - http://www.policeforum.org/
http://www.policeforum.org/employment/

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)- www.theiacp.org


Police Jobs Info – has links to federal and state sites - http://www.policejobsinfo.com/find-a-police-job/job-search-sites/

Go law enforcement: http://www.golawenforcement.com/

Police Employment: http://www.policeemployment.com/

Officer.com - http://www.officer.com/careers

911hotjobs – police, fire, EMT - http://911hotjobs.com/find-a-job/

Law enforcement jobs - http://lawenforcementjobs.com/

Loss prevention - http://www.lpjobs.com/

Here are some state associations:

http://www.issda.org  This is the Iowa Sheriffs and Sheriffs Deputies Association, and under “News” you may be able to see a listing of deputy sheriff openings (Lucas County is hiring now).


Unfortunately, most Iowa law enforcement positions are not posted anywhere than in the “Employment” section of their city or county websites. Our best recommendation is to become really familiar with the geographic areas in which you are interested, and then determine what counties/municipalities that you will need to search frequently. You can sometimes also call those agencies and request to be added to an email list, so you will be notified the next time they will hire (maybe annually).

http://www.ci.ankeny.ia.us/index.aspx?page=20  Example of a city search of employment. If Ankeny PD was hiring, it would be posted here.

http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/Index.aspx?page=118  EMT and paramedics are being hired at West Des Moines right now, again, no law enforcement position posted but it would be here.
Corrections – National Links

American Correctional Association - http://www.aca.org/jobbank/


Corrections or the Judiciary - Local Links

http://www.doc.state.ia.us  This state website will, for employment, will redirect you to the State of Iowa job website (Iowa DAS). You can search for positions with DOC or region, etc. Recent results including hiring correctional officers for the Mitchellville Women’s Prison.

http://www.iowacourts.gov/administration/career_opportunities/ This is the state Judicial website. Jobs for the judiciary (juvenile court officer, etc.) are NOT posted on the State of Iowa job website (Iowa DAS). Positions from juvenile court specialists to law clerks can be seen here.

Please note: Community-based corrections jobs do not HAVE to be listed on the Iowa DAS site. They sometimes are just listed on the sites below.

Iowa is divided up into eight judicial districts, and eight departmental of correctional services. You can Google each of the districts, or go to the links below for the biggest employers:

http://fifthdcs.com/Careers.cfm  5th District jobs, largest district, Des Moines/ mid-Iowa location.

http://fourthdcs.com/employment.html 4th District jobs, Council Bluffs area

http://2nddcs.com/employment.htm  2nd District jobs, Ames area

http://www.firstdcs.com  1st District jobs, Waterloo/Dubuque areas

Government Links

Find employment on the Iowa DAS website, http://das.hre.iowa.gov/state_jobs.html, search job openings for all applicants, and then select by agency, geographic location, or all open state jobs.

You can search the classifieds here and find policing and other city positions with the Iowa League of Cities, https://www.iowaleague.org/Pages/Classifieds.aspx.

Sometimes you can search city/county websites for positions that may be interesting, outside of just law enforcement openings. An example is here, a Civil Division Manager at Polk County government which does not require law enforcement certification: http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/hr/job-opportunities/

Federal Jobs: www.usajobs.gov

- Searches can be narrowed geographically, by keyword, by agency, etc. Includes areas such as:
  - ATF - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
  - BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics
  - BOP - Bureau of Prisons
  - CBP - Customs and Border Protection
  - DEA - Drug Enforcement Administration
  - DHS - Department of Homeland Security
  - DOD - Department of Defense
  - DOJ – Department of Justice
  - FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation
  - ICE - Immigration and Customs Enforcement
  - NIJ - National Institute of Justice
  - OJP – Office of Justice Programs
  - OVC – Office for Victims of Crime
  - USCG - U.S. Coast Guard
  - U.S. Marshals Service
  - U.S. Secret Service

You can also search by job classification. For example, 1811 is the criminal investigator job series (for special agent positions with many of the agencies above), 1801 is a general investigator job series (which applies to even more federal agencies, with quasi-law enforcement functions), and 0321 is the series for intelligence analyst.

You should set up a login/password, and create a list of geographical areas of interest, agency interest, or job series interests. If you don’t check the website every single day, you can miss out – recently, the Secret Service was open for agent applications, but only for 72 hours. If you set up an automatic notification based on your interests, the website will email you open positions daily, and you don’t have to physically visit the website every single day.

Private Sector Links

Des Moines and central Iowa is an insurance and financial (around 200 companies in Iowa alone) hub of the Midwest. There are many opportunities for investigations and fraud analysis in these occupations. Often
times, the positions may require previous experience doing investigatory-type of work, or work in banking/financial/insurance. Sometimes they do not. Fraud examiners and investigations are a great way to get started in the industry. Some are listed here, but most of the positions should come to your attention via Indeed or Monster searches. Here are a couple to get you started:


**Crime Prevention – National Links**

National Crime Prevention Council - [http://www.ncpc.org/about/job-opportunities](http://www.ncpc.org/about/job-opportunities)

Crime Prevention information from the Bureau of Justice Statistics with additional links to national and state-level websites - [https://www.bja.gov/evaluation/program-crime-prevention/index.htm](https://www.bja.gov/evaluation/program-crime-prevention/index.htm)


**Other public-agency work – National Links**

Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) - [http://www.jrsa.org/resources/employment.htm](http://www.jrsa.org/resources/employment.htm)

Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) - [http://www.policeforum.org/](http://www.policeforum.org/)

National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago - [http://www.norc.org/WorkingAtNORC/Pages/job-listings.aspx](http://www.norc.org/WorkingAtNORC/Pages/job-listings.aspx)

RAND Corp - [http://www.rand.org/jobs.html](http://www.rand.org/jobs.html)

Urban Institute - [http://www.urban.org/about/careers/index.cfm](http://www.urban.org/about/careers/index.cfm)


Vera Institute of Justice - [http://www.vera.org/](http://www.vera.org/)

Federal Internships:


Office of Justice Programs Internship - http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/jobs.htm

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Internship - http://www.atf.gov/careers/internships/

Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Internship - http://www.ice.gov/careers/internships/

Department of Justice (jobs and internships) - http://www.justice.gov/06employment/06-3.html


Other Criminal Justice sites:

Criminal Justice Education: http://www.cjed.com/


Criminal Justice USA: http://www.criminaljusticeusa.com/

Graduate programs

Just some beginning ideas...

http://simpson.edu/ewg/programs/graduate-programs/admission-to-the-macj-program-at-simpson-college/
MACJ at Simpson College :o)


http://clas.uiowa.edu/socialwork/graduate-program/des-moines-msw-program Des Moines MSW Program with U of Iowa

http://www.uni.edu/csbs/socialwork/msw-graduate-degree MSW at University of Northern Iowa