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Local appointee



Governor John Kasich announced Tuesday, March 1, that Harvey Reed, left, of Blue Ash will be Director of Department of Youth Services for the State Ohio. / The Enquirer/Cara Owsley

Ohio Gov. John Kasich today appointed Harvey Reed, superintendent of the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Youth Center, as director of the state's Department of Youth Services.

Reed, a 57-year-old native Cincinnati who lives in Blue Ash, has more than 32 years' experience in the juvenile corrections system, including work as a detention center youth leader, probation officer and assistant director and director of the Work Detail Community Service Program.

"He's humble, he's gentle, he's determined, he's focused," Kasich said in announcing Reed's appointment at a ceremony at Juvenile Court, downtown.

"He believes in our young people, a lot of stories that don't always have happy endings. But Harvey wants to make sure that every one of these stories can have a happy ending."