



Department of
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Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed

Stephanie Groff Receives Accreditation Award

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Stephanie Groff with Director Harvey Reed

Dear Staff:

I am pleased to inform you that today, Stephanie Groff, Accreditation Manager and Assistant to the Superintendent at Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facility (IRJCF), received the Geno Natalucci-Persichetti Award for Juvenile Accreditation at the Criminal Justice Accreditation Association of Ohio (CAAO) 2016 training conference.

According to a colleague who nominated her for this award, "Stephanie has taken the facility to another level in accreditation. Her professionalism and dedication goes above and beyond. Stephanie lives ACA (American Correctional Association) every day and, most importantly, is a teacher, mentor, and leader to her peers in striving for ACA success."

Because of Stephanie's determination, at the facility's most recent reaccreditation audit in 2015, IRJCF received a score of 100% on both mandatory and non-mandatory standards. She continues to push the facility toward excellence, and Stephanie is known for her professionalism and helpfulness.

Please join me in congratulating Stephanie for this honor!