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**Ohio Director Appointed to Serve on National Criminal Justice Board**

**Columbus, Ohio** — Ohio Department of Youth Services Director, Tom Stickrath, has been named to the Board of Directors for the Council of State Governments' (CSG) Justice Center.

“We are delighted that Director Stickrath has been appointed to our board,” said Rep. Mike Festa, Chairman of the Justice Center Board. “As a key voice on criminal justice policy in his state, Director Stickrath will make a great contribution to our work.”

The CSG Board works to develop strategies and provide advice on various criminal justice issues like Re-Entry and addressing mental health concerns for those incarcerated. State officials across the country have used the findings and technical assistance provided through the Justice Center projects to develop legislative initiatives.

“I am looking forward to using our experiences in Ohio to help shape national policy,” Mr. Stickrath said. “I know that working with such a diverse group of national experts will benefit Ohio and other states by advancing best practices on complex criminal justice issues.”

Stickrath joins a small, bipartisan group of key legislators, leading court and law enforcement officials, and members of several governors' cabinets from corrections and health and human services agencies to serve on the board. Mr. Stickrath was selected to serve on the 25-person board for a period of two years.

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