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Ohio Department of Youth Services To Save \$300,000 Annually Through New Lease Agreement

Columbus, Ohio — More than \$300,000 in annual rent will be saved through a new leasing agreement for the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) in downtown Columbus.

“We’re committed to administrative efficiencies and savings measures,” Director Harvey Reed said. “I’m pleased to implement cost reductions that preserve important programming for the youth in our care.”

The agency will relocate its headquarters to the state-owned William Green building, located at 30 W. Spring St., on Monday, March 5, 2012. This new location will accommodate 129 DYS employees on one floor. Through the new lease, the space will cost \$9 per square foot, down from \$14. The location also will allow for improved coordination with other state agencies that are located in the building, including the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services.

DYS is the juvenile corrections system for the state of Ohio and is statutorily mandated to confine felony offenders, ages 10 to 21, who have been adjudicated and committed by one of Ohio's 88 county juvenile courts. DYS operates four correctional and rehabilitation facilities and provides parole services from five regional sites.

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