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## Ohio Department of Youth Services Recognizes Top Employees

**Columbus, Ohio** — The Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) honored two employees at the 2015 Employee Recognition Ceremony today. Pamela Winkler, Executive Assistant at Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility (CHJCF) near Cleveland, was named Employee of the Year. Rondal Coey, Youth Specialist at the Circleville Juvenile Correctional Facility (CJCF), was named Youth Specialist of the Year.



Left: Pam Winkler, DYS Employee of the Year  
Right: Rondal Coey, DYS Youth Specialist of the Year

Winkler has been a DYS employee since 2005. “Pamela is a visionary, artist, team player and a true professional,” said Chris Freeman, CHJCF Superintendent. “She does not hesitate to go above and beyond the call of duty and makes every effort to help our youth, their families and our community,” he added.

Coey began working at DYS in 2012. Youth Specialists, previously known as Juvenile Correctional Officers, provide supervision in juvenile correctional facilities while also participating in activities and programs designed to educate and rehabilitate youth. “Rondal Coey has shown himself to be the consummate team player. He is reliable, dependable and does not shy away from difficult situations,” said Phillip Elms, CJCF Superintendent.

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 currently operates three juvenile correctional facilities, provides parole services from five regional sites and funds and supports over 600 community programs serving 80,000 youth throughout the state.