



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week

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Please join me in celebrating the efforts of our DYS Parole Staff during the Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week, July 17 to 23, 2011.

Our dedicated parole professionals make a difference by ensuring that every youth on parole is given the opportunity for a successful reentry. DYS Juvenile Parole Officers (JPO) have all been trained in Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS). This model of supervision allows the JPO to target and discuss identified criminogenic needs, target the maladaptive attitudes and beliefs of youth, teach youth problem-solving skills and make appropriate referrals to the community. In addition to using this research-based approach, a pilot program has recently begun in the Dayton Regional Office to provide outreach and EPICS coaching to DYS families while the youth is still in a DYS facility. The family coaching sessions allow the JPO to teach the parents or guardians a cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) approach in relating to and supervising their young person once he or she returns home.

The valuable tools, knowledge and training possessed by DYS Parole staff allow for effective management of youth released from facilities and help these youth to succeed in the community, all while promoting public safety. Thank you to all Juvenile Parole Officers, Juvenile Parole Supervisors, Regional Administrators and all other parole staff for your efforts in working to offer youth the opportunity for a successful reentry.

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