



Department of
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Resources for Families**

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Dear Staff:

Happy Holidays!

I trust that you will enjoy this holiday season with your family. Make this special time of year a priority for yourself and those you hold dear. Author Marge Kennedy offered this: "In truth a family is what you make it. It is made strong, not by number of heads counted at the dinner table, but by the rituals you help family members create, by the memories you share, by the commitment of time, caring, and love you show to one another, and by the hopes for the future you have as individuals and as a unit."

Family is vital for youth, and I am committed to our agency engaging family members. We know that the youth who make the most progress in DYS have parents, guardians or other persons who provide support and take an active part in their treatment.

I am excited to share that the DYS website, available at www.dys.ohio.gov, has been enhanced with a welcome video and family tab. Take a moment to view these resources for the families of our youth.

Our agency is fortunate to have staff who support positive change in the lives of youth. Thank you for your commitment to DYS. I wish you and yours a safe, happy and memorable holiday season!

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