



Department of  
Youth Services

### **Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed**

National Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week

July 19, 2013

Dear Staff and Stakeholders:

Please join me in honoring all of our juvenile parole officers and parole staff during National Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week, July 21-27, 2013.

Parole staff are commended for their active involvement with youth, within days of entering our Department, to begin reentry efforts right from the beginning. Our parole staff do an outstanding job of supervising youth, reaching out to families and participating with juvenile courts and providers. I am especially proud that our parole staff engage family members in youths' treatment and provide them effective parenting resources and tools. Also, parole staff have been energetic in the Back-to-Basics initiative to make operational improvements.

One initiative underway is to better link parole and facility staff to provide youth seamless rehabilitative services. More opportunities for interaction and cross-collaboration will be taking place. As we breakdown silos, we will improve communication and provide holistic services for youth.

Thank you to all of our parole staff at DYS. Your unique services are helping youth succeed in the community, build family relationships and enhance community safety.