



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed

Staff Receives Accreditation Award

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Dear Staff:

I am pleased to inform you that last week Jill Ames, Senior Juvenile Parole Officer, received the Geno Natalucci-Persichetti Award for Juvenile Accreditation at the Correctional Accreditation Association of Ohio (CAAO) 2013 annual training conference.

Our Regional Parole Offices take turns serving as the host site for the American Correctional Association (ACA) reaccreditation of parole services. The Akron Regional Parole Office hosted the audit last month, and Jill led the accreditation activities. Jill worked closely with counterparts in the other Regional Parole Offices to gather and share information and documentation for the audit.

According to her peers who nominated her for this award, Jill “jumped right in” and “singlehandedly reviewed file after file herself.” In addition, Jill “did not settle for the status quo and continuously sought out opinions and advice from others on the interpretation of standards, appropriate policies and best possible forms of documentation. This facilitation of teamwork will benefit the Bureau of Parole with the accreditation process for years to come.”

Because of Jill’s tireless efforts, the Bureau of Parole received a score of 100% on both mandatory and non-mandatory standards. I could not be more pleased with the auditor’s findings and anticipate full reaccreditation to be awarded to the Bureau of Parole at the 2014 ACA Winter Conference.



Pictured from left to right:

Jill Ames, Deb Timmerman-Cooper (Warden of London Correctional Institution and Winner of the Reginald Wilkinson Award for Excellence in Accreditation for Adult Corrections), Bridget Bayliss (ACA), Dave Taylor (Executive Director of Correctional Accreditation Manager's Association) and Lynn Odenthal (President of CAAO)

Please join me in congratulating Jill for this honor!