



Department of Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed

Parole Supervision Week

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Next week is *Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week*, as recognized by the American Probation and Parole Association. This is a time in which we join together to appreciate the important work that our Bureau of Parole does to be a force for change in the lives of Ohio's youth. Their work with youth, often in family homes, poses uncertainties that are handled with utmost professionalism as staff carry out our core value of striving to provide youth everything they need to succeed.



A total of 810 youth were served by our dedicated parole staff at DYS in Fiscal Year 2015. Focused on our *Path to Safer Facilities – Path to Safer Communities*, our parole staff are making a difference for these youth using a unique skillset that benefits youth returning home. Our parole staff are committed and creative in finding solutions to make sure the youth they supervise have the support needed to continue treatment, complete education, secure employment, and have suitable housing and living conditions. By working collaboratively with facility staff, community partners, and family members, our parole staff are working to ultimately help youth reintegrate successfully.



Join with me in giving thanks for the high caliber of services our parole and community services staff provide. Thank you for all that you do to reach youth, families, and communities!