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### Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed

Cuyahoga Hills JCF Wins National Award for Second Time

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I am pleased to announce that Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility (ChJCF) is the winner of the 2015 Performance-based Standards (PbS) Learning Institute *Barbara Allen-Hagen Award* for the second time in three years.

The award is presented to facilities for making positive changes by using PbS' data-driven improvement model that resulted in positive outcomes for youth, staff and families.

Winners were named August 14 at the PbS 20th Anniversary Gala and Awards Ceremony in Indianapolis in conjunction with the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA) summer meeting.

ChJCF was amongst nine finalists vying for the top honor. A total of 40 applications were submitted nationwide.



Pictured from left to right: Cheryl Cook, Unit Manager at CHJCF; Cedric Collins, Release Authority Chair; Angie Wurgler, PbS Site Coordinator; Wendi Faulkner, Bureau Chief of Office of Quality Assurance and Improvement; Linda Janes, Assistant Director; Harvey Reed, Director; Lois Jenkins of PbS; Ginine Trim, Deputy Director of Facilities, Programs and Operations; Shari Wolf, PbS State Coordinator; Amy Ast, Security Administrator; Chris Freeman, Superintendent of CHJCF and Ida Lewis, State Accreditation Administrator.

“The honor of winning the Barbara Allen-Hagen award just verifies everything that the staff at ChJCF has been doing over the past year. It is because of their hard work, dedication and commitment to changing lives we can now be considered trailblazers for juvenile corrections everywhere. We have done something that no other facility has done: we have won this award twice, and words cannot express my gratitude to my entire staff at ChJCF,” said Chris Freeman, Superintendent of ChJCF.

“I applaud your PbS team for all your efforts and the positive impact you’ve had on the lives of youth, staff and families of your facility,” said Kim Godfrey, Executive Director of PbS.

Congratulations to Mr. Freeman, Angelina Wurgler, PbS Site Coordinator; Shari Wolf, PbS State Coordinator, and all the CHJCF staff for earning this national recognition!

You can read more about the award from PbS [here](#).