



Department of  
Youth Services

## Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed

What They're Saying - DYS is a National Model

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Dear Staff:

Your work is being recognized!

In late October, the Juvenile Justice Coalition released a [report](#) about Ohio's youth de-incarceration efforts serving as a model for other jurisdictions, resulting in headlines about Ohio being a national leader in juvenile justice reform. The report was covered by the *Plain Dealer*, Associated Press, *Toledo Blade*, and several additional media outlets.



Click [here](#) to read the story

Many stakeholders have voiced congratulations for the recognition the agency is receiving. A few weeks ago, I received a letter from State Senator Gayle Manning and wanted to share her appreciation for the services we provide.

"I would like to thank you all for your hard work and to congratulate you for the recent study which showed Ohio is a leader...You are all doing a tremendous job in both responsibly helping to manage our criminal justice system while also championing the interests of troubled Ohio youths. I take great pride in recognizing your efforts to keep Ohio's criminal justice system efficient and effective."

**Gayle L. Manning, State Senator, 13<sup>th</sup> District**

Additionally, as a result of the termination of the Settlement Agreement, a variety of stories were published. If you haven't already, please take the time to read an editorial published by the *Columbus Dispatch* on December 14 titled, "Lawsuit Over: Everyone Won - Ohio's juvenile prison system became a national model."



Click [here](#) to read the editorial

Thank you for making this agency what it is today. Let's continue building a better agency to build better lives. Happy holidays!