



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed

Our Core Values Support Youths' Success

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Dear Staff and Stakeholders:

What a great privilege we have at DYS – taking care of youth as if they were our own. Every day we're committed to providing not only the basics for physical well-being and safety, but also the education, programming, and treatment that will lead to each youth's long-term success. Our goal is to see youth get and stay on a healthy, productive path.

Last year we established core values at DYS. These core values reflect why we do this important work, how we carry out services, and what is most valuable to DYS:

- All people can change.
- Treat everyone the way you would like to be treated.
- Every life matters.
- We strive to provide youth everything they need to succeed.
- We want the best for youth, and we believe in families.
- We believe in being good role models.

In 2016, we will continue to bring these core values to life to help youth. Our work can be challenging, and we appreciate the part every single staff and stakeholder plays. Together we're making a difference. Nothing means more to me than hearing that a young person, who was served by DYS, is doing well in the community. Please take the time to watch the following video to hear what two youth recently had to say about their time with DYS and how they're doing now. I hope that it will shine a light on the value of your efforts for young lives.



<https://youtu.be/xtNe4eOY3WQ>