



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed

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DYS Staff:

I wanted to keep you updated on the status of the FY 2012-2013 State Budget. Last week, the Ohio House of Representatives passed the State Budget, and it is now in front of the Ohio Senate for review. Included in the Budget passed by the House is an amendment that would authorize DYS to sell any closed DYS facility and ensure the purchaser gives preferential hiring to those DYS employees displaced by the closure. I testified last Friday to the Senate about maintaining Governor Kasich's Budget, which provides funding for less costly community alternatives as well as safe and secure DYS facilities. Once the Budget passes the Senate, it will be reviewed by the Conference Committee made up of members of the House and Senate, and then it will be sent to Governor Kasich for his signature. The approved Budget will take effect on July 1, 2011. I will keep you posted on the impact of the final Budget on DYS.

I am pleased to announce that in an effort to reduce costs, DYS Central Office will be relocating a few blocks north to the William Green Building at 30 W. Spring Street in Columbus. This move will better utilize office space as well as allow for a nearly 50% reduction in leasing costs. Although the plans are in the process of being finalized, the move is anticipated in January 2012.

I greatly appreciate the work you are doing to support DYS and the youth in our care. All staff at DYS are critical to our mission of achieving lasting change in the lives of youth through rehabilitation, education and treatment. Ultimately, you contribute to making Ohio a safer place to live. Thank you for your professional and dedicated efforts.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harvey J. Reed".

Harvey J. Reed, Director
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