



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed

May 25, 2011

DYS Staff:

I want to share with you some news about two recent developments.

Department of Justice Update

I am pleased to report that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has agreed to reduce the number of provisions they monitor for DYS compliance. DYS Chief Legal Counsel and the Ohio Attorney General's Office vigorously demonstrated how Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility (SJCF) was in full compliance with 20 of the 53 provisions that were identified as concerns. Significant and sustained progress has been made in the areas of education, medical, use of force and grievances. The hard work and dedication of the staff at SJCF, and those supporting the efforts at Central Office and other facilities, cannot be overstated. This is a proud accomplishment for our agency and one that should be relished as a milestone in our persistent journey of reform. Great job and congratulations, team!

Youth Reception

DYS is decentralizing much of the reception process for youth beginning June 6, 2011. This change will not impact how courts transfer youth to DYS; SJCF will still remain the point of contact for all court communication and coordination. Due to several factors, including the restructured assessment schedule and court cooperation and diligence using the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS), youth will be able to transfer from reception to a permanent facility in less than one week. This will provide youth with the opportunity to engage in regular programming more quickly.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day.

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

Harvey J. Reed, Director
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