



Department of  
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed  
Release Identification Cards for Youth**

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Dear Staff:

DYS is committed to collaborative efforts that provide youth with opportunities to make a successful reentry back into the community. I am pleased to announce our latest reentry effort, a new project to accelerate the process in which released youth obtain a valid State of Ohio Identification (ID) Card. The Youthful Offender Release Identification Card will be produced at facilities and provided to parole staff, who will accompany youth to local Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) offices where the Release Identification Card will be exchanged for a State ID. Obtaining this identification enables access to needed services such as housing, public assistance, education and treatment for medical, mental health and substance abuse needs.

This effort is possible through cooperation and support from the courts and BMV. I appreciate the diligence of court personnel who provide the youth's birth certificate and social security card at the time of the youth's intake to DYS. This effort underscores the magnitude of receiving both documents, for all youth, upon commitment to DYS. I am also pleased that the BMV has agreed to accept the Youthful Offender Release Identification Card as an acceptable document to obtain a State ID.

I appreciate all of our staff who have coordinated this accelerated process. Special thanks to Kim Humphrey, Reentry Administrator, who led the way.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day.

Harvey J. Reed, Director  
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