



Department of  
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed  
Seeking Nominations for Community Recognition Awards**

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Dear Staff:

In partnership with the Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice and the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges, DYS will be recognizing the outstanding contributions of community organizations that provide needed programs and services to youth, as well as the youth that have participated in these programs and have worked hard to make positive changes in their lives. Awards will be presented on December 1, 2011 at the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges Meeting at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio.

At the 2010 Community Recognition Awards, six youth were recognized along with three programs: Pegasus Farms, the Crossroads Program (Summit County) and Project Jericho's "Inside the Walls, Outside the Box." The ceremony provided an exciting forum to celebrate youth successes and thank staff for a job well-done.

Please consider submitting a nomination for the 2011 Community Recognition Awards. The review committee, made up of juvenile court staff, children's advocacy groups and staff from DYS, need your input regarding deserving programs and exemplary youth. Nominations are being accepted on the DYS website at [www.dys.ohio.gov](http://www.dys.ohio.gov) (under featured links). The deadline for nominations is October 7, 2011.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kim Parsell, Public Information Officer at (614) 466-9854 or by email at [Kim.Parsell@dys.ohio.gov](mailto:Kim.Parsell@dys.ohio.gov).

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