



Department of  
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed  
Introducing the Parmadale Treatment Alternative for Females**

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Dear Staff:

In partnership with the Parmadale Institute and Beech Brook, I am pleased to announce the opening of the Parmadale Treatment Alternative for Females on January 16, 2012. This community residential option will provide treatment for appropriate girls with behavioral health needs.

The Parmadale Treatment Alternative for Females is an 8-bed secure setting in Parma, Ohio. Selection for participation in the program requires agreement from the court, which may occur shortly after a youth's commitment to the Department or after progress in the DYS facility indicates the youth may be better served in a step-down capacity at the community-based alternative. The current female population is being considered for the program.

This alternative provides comprehensive behavioral health treatment, gender-specific care and evidence-based programming including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT). Case management, group and individual counseling and family sessions are provided. In addition, the program includes a transition services component.

More information about the Parmadale Institute can be found online at [www.parmadaleinstitute.org](http://www.parmadaleinstitute.org). For questions regarding this unique alternative, please contact Ryan Gies, DYS Deputy Director of Courts and Community Services, at (614) 728-3153.

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