



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week

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Please join me in recognizing the excellent service provided by DYS Parole Staff during the Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week, July 15 to 21, 2012.

I greatly appreciate our parole professionals, who work hard to help every youth receive opportunities for successful reentry. Beyond the important task of supervision, staff help youth on parole receive needed services including housing, public assistance, education and treatment for medical, mental health and substance abuse.

The Bureau of Parole has implemented a reentry continuum that ensures all youth are engaged at the time of commitment, participate in their own reentry planning and are eligible to receive a menu of services which are tethered to their needs. Additionally, our Juvenile Parole Officers (JPOs) are working with family members, during the youth's incarceration, to create the best possible circumstances for the youth's return to the community. These family engagement efforts include keeping family members in regular contact with the youth, empowering families to hold youth more accountable and enlisting the assistance of the family to create support networks which will benefit the youth on parole and into his or her adult life. Having access to these services has been proven to reduce the likelihood of a youth committing a new offense.

Thank you to all JPOs, Juvenile Parole Supervisors, Regional Administrators and all other parole staff for your dedication.

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