



Department of
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Collateral Sanctions Reform Honored in Cleveland**

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*July 16, 2012: Governor Kasich commends collateral sanctions reform
at the Elizabeth Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio*

This week I was pleased to join Governor Kasich as collateral sanctions reform was honored in Cleveland. The Collateral Sanctions Bill, S.B. 337 (Seitz, Smith)/ H.B. 524 (McGregor, Heard), was officially signed into law in late June. On Monday, the Governor participated in a ceremonial signing in Cleveland to celebrate the passage of this legislation. This law reduces collateral sanctions, or those barriers that further impact juveniles, including breach of confidentiality involving juvenile records, educational hindrances for youth returning to their communities and laws or administrative codes that impede a youth's ability to get a job.

This legislation helps youth and adults receive a fresh start upon reentry into the community. This law benefits youth by promoting and ensuring the confidentiality of juvenile records; allowing judges the discretion to seal juvenile records when appropriate; and developing the juvenile portion of the Civil Impacts of Criminal Convictions Database (CIVICC) to clearly distinguish between adult convictions and juvenile adjudications in background checks.

Successful rehabilitation goes beyond serving time. It is about making amends and preparing youth to successfully return to their communities. We celebrate this milestone, which affords impacted youth and adults a true second chance upon reentry into the community.

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