



Department of
Youth Services

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

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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 6, 2012 at the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges Meeting at the Embassy Suites Columbus Airport Hotel.

At the 2011 Community Recognition Awards, six youth were recognized along with five programs: Absence Truancy Tardy Elimination Now Docket (ATTEND), a part of the Warren County Juvenile Court; Lorain County Juvenile Drug Court; Muskingum County Juvenile Court Reentry Initiative; Directions for Youth and Families; Building Bridges; and Artworks 2011, a program with the Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio (YANEO). 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 2012 Community Recognition Awards. The review committee, made up of juvenile court judges and 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 (under featured links). The deadline for nominations is October 5, 2012.

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.

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