



Department of  
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed  
Updated Mission and Vision Statements**

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Earlier this fall, DYS executive staff, bureau chiefs, regional administrators and facility superintendents participated in updating our agency's mission and vision statements to better reflect the work that we do for youth, families and communities.

*A mission statement focuses on the organization's current state and defines the organization's purpose. The updated mission for DYS follows:*

**Mission**

**Improve Ohio's future by habilitating youth  
and empowering families and communities**

*A vision statement focuses on the organization's future and describes its values and guiding beliefs about how things should be done. The updated vision for DYS is:*

**Vision**

**A safer Ohio: one youth, one family and one community at a time**