



Department of  
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed  
2012 Accomplishments**

December 20, 2012

Dear Staff:

As 2012 comes to a close, I would like to acknowledge and express my sincere appreciation for all of your efforts to improve Ohio's future by habilitating youth and empowering families and communities. We celebrate our accomplishments of 2012:

**Lease Agreement Savings:** DYS headquarters moved to the state-owned William Green building, saving \$300,000 annually.

**Connecting Youth and Families:** Fifty percent of the youth in the custody of the DYS do not receive family visits during the average 12-month stay. This year DYS established a free, monthly bus service to help connect families and youth, and from May through December, DYS provided a total of 29 bus trips and served 435 family members.

**Collateral Sanctions:** The Collateral Sanctions Bill (S.B. 337) reduces collateral sanctions, or those barriers that continue to impact juveniles after incarceration. Now juvenile records will be sealed as intended, and youth will receive a true second chance upon reentry into the community.

**Ohio Interagency Task Force on Mental Health and Juvenile Justice:** More than half of the youth at DYS suffer from mental health illness. This task force is working to ensure that these youth receive the services they need and that psychiatric residential treatment is available for those with the most significant illnesses.

**Serving Youth in the Community:** DYS enhanced efforts to serve youth closer to their families through RECLAIM Ohio, Youth Services Grant, Community Corrections Facilities, Targeted RECLAIM and the Behavioral Health / Juvenile Justice (BH/JJ) initiative. The cost-effective model has supported a continued decrease in the average daily facility population by an additional 100 youth in 2012.

Sincerely,

Harvey J. Reed, Director  
Department of Youth Services