



Department of  
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed**

Savings Reinvested into the Community

June 3, 2013

Dear Staff and Stakeholders:

I am pleased to announce that a total agency savings of \$561,000 has been reinvested to courts to enhance community programming for serving youth. In accordance with a provision in H.B. 153 to realign savings, and our mission *to improve Ohio's future by habilitating youth and empowering families and communities*, the funds were reallocated last week to support existing court programming by providing evidence-based training for staff.

The reinvestment points to our commitment for building community capacity to serve youth. It reflects ongoing collaborative efforts to serve youth in the right environment with the right treatment. By diverting low to moderate risk youth to community options when appropriate and serving higher risk youth in DYS facilities, we have been able to significantly reduce our facility population and see recidivism trend downward.

We will continue to realign resources to best serve the youth involved in Ohio's juvenile justice system. DYS staff are appreciated for their commitment to greater cost savings and operational efficiencies, which has made this reinvestment possible.