



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed

Ohio's Youth Benefit from Grants

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Dear Staff and Stakeholders:

I am pleased to inform you that Ohio's youth will benefit from two recently awarded grants.

In collaboration with the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, Chestnut Health Services and Recovery Resources, DYS received a two-year, \$600,000 grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to provide services to transition age youth with co-occurring disorders who are leaving Ohio's juvenile correctional facilities and returning to Cuyahoga County. The grant will allow a total of 80 youth in need of mental health and substance abuse services to receive a continuum of assistance including individualized reentry plans and strengthened collaborative community approaches. The project will be evaluated by the Center for Criminal Justice Research at the University of Cincinnati.

With the assistance of the Vera Institute of Justice, DYS received a two-year, \$250,000 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to build upon the agency's Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) efforts and implementation of recommendations made by the Interagency Task Force on Sexual Misconduct. The grant will be used to strengthen the team approach to enhance site cultures, provide specialized training to staff, modify the physical plants of the facilities to improve safety and more. Throughout the project, technical assistance will be provided by the National PREA Resource Center.

Both projects will begin in the coming months. Stay tuned to hear more about how the initiatives are helping youth.