



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed

Social Work Paves the Way for Change

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Every day, social workers at DYS work zealously to make positive changes in the lives of our youth and their families.

Social workers help our youth and their families solve problems, prevent crises, and overcome and cope with some of life's most difficult issues, such as abuse, trauma, addiction, mental illness, and parenting challenges.

All of our social workers are an incredible resource to the youth and the families we serve by providing group and individual counseling sessions, developing treatment plans, and teaching life skills. Social workers at our agency also reach out to other DYS employees to discuss youth on their caseload and how to best serve them.

March is National Social Worker Month, a time when we honor those who embody our mission every day: habilitating youth and empowering families.

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is celebrating its 60th anniversary with the theme "Work Paves the Way for Change."

As we celebrate all of the social workers at DYS, I would also like to recognize Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility, recently selected as the 2015 NASW Ohio Chapter Region 3 Agency of the Year. On Friday, an award will be presented at the [2015 Cuyahoga County Conference on Social Welfare](#).

Join me by saying thank you to these caring professionals who positively change the lives of our youth every day.

