



Department of
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
2015 Town Hall Wrap-up**

April 2, 2015

Thank you for attending our recent town hall meetings. For those who could not make it, please take a few minutes to review the information that was presented (click [here](#)).

Our Path to Safer Facilities has expanded to communities. We are concentrated on preparing our youth for a lifetime of success through heightened reentry efforts with the goal of every youth leaving our care with a solid plan to complete education and/or secure employment. This requires all of us working together, as well as embracing families and communities, to provide youth with services and supports for successful reintegration into the community. As a result, recidivism will reduce and we will fulfill our vision of a safer Ohio.



During the town hall meetings, Assistant Director Janes explained that we are in the process of establishing core values for DYS. Our core values will articulate what we stand for and guide us in all that we do. The following are examples:

- *We are in the business of creating safer communities for all families*
- *We love children and believe in families*
- *We give youth everything they need to succeed*

- *Every life matters*

Do you have ideas for our core values? There's still time to submit suggestions. Please email your idea to suggestions@dys.ohio.gov by April 10. Thank you!