



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Cuyahoga Hills JCF is a Finalist for Barbara-Allen Hagen Award

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Congratulations to Cuyahoga Hills JCF (CHJCF), a finalist for the 2015 Barbara Allen-Hagen Award presented annually by Performance Based Standard (PbS).

The finalists were selected from about 40 high-quality applications from across the country that developed and implemented strategic plans to change practices and services using PbS' data-driven improvement model that resulted in positive outcomes for youths, staff and families.

"It is truly an honor to be a finalist again," said Chris Freeman, Superintendent of CHJCF. "This nomination is clearly a reflection of the commitment and dedication that our staff put forth on a daily basis," he added. In 2012, CHJCF won the award.

"I applaud your PbS team for all your efforts and the positive impact you've had on the lives of youth, staff and families of your facility," said Kim Godfrey, Executive Director of PbS.

In addition to demonstrating through data how the facility improved the conditions of confinement and quality of life, the finalists were selected because they linked the improvement strategies to research, developed thorough sustainability plans and connected daily operations with the ultimate goal of providing effective and developmentally-appropriate care for youth.

The nine finalists addressed significant challenges facing facility leaders and staff including reforming adult-oriented cultures to be youth-focused and less punitive, increasing volunteers and volunteer programming, improving reentry services, reducing and eliminating harmful practices such as isolation and restraints and creating developmentally-appropriate behavior management systems.

The 2015 PbS Barbara Allen-Hagen Award Finalists are:

Correction Facility Category:

- Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center, Tecumseh, OK
- Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility, Highland Hills, OH
- Tillamook Youth Correctional Facility, Tillamook, OR

Detention and Assessment Centers Category:

- Greene County Juvenile Detention Center, Springfield, MO
- Muskegon River Youth Center, Ladoga, IN
- Southwest Utah Youth Center-Detention, Cedar City, UT

Community-based Residential Programs Category:

- South Hadley Girls Treatment Program, South Hadley, MA
- White's Residential and Family Services, Wabash, IN
- Youth Opportunity Center, Muncie, IN

Winners will be announced May 22 and honored at the PbS 20th Anniversary Gala and Awards Ceremony Aug. 14 in Indianapolis.