



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Savings Reinvested to Support Community Programming
June 24, 2015

Dear Staff and Stakeholders:

I am pleased to announce that a total agency savings of \$650,721 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 this past week to support existing court programming by providing evidence-based training and technical assistance for implementing best practices.

The reinvestment points to our commitment to support juvenile courts and local communities so they can develop research-backed services to meet the needs of youth and families. 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 while customizing programming and treatment for youth with the most intense needs.

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.

To learn more about our reinvestment efforts, please check out [Getting it Right: Realigning Juvenile Corrections in Ohio to Reinvest in What Works](#), released earlier this year by the Schubert Center for Child Studies at Case Western Reserve University.