



Department of
Youth Services

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Parole Supervision Week

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Next week is *Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week*, a time when people across the United States and Canada join together to recognize the work that probation, parole and community supervision professionals do for our public safety.



This year, special attention is given to justice reinvestment, which is a data-driven approach to improve public safety, examine juvenile justice investments, and reallocate savings in strategies that hold youth accountable, decrease crime, and strengthen neighborhoods. Our investment in parole services benefits youth across Ohio. In the past fiscal year, a total of 734 youth were served by our dedicated parole staff.

Our parole professionals are creative in finding solutions to make sure that the youth they supervise have the support needed to find jobs, housing and treatment. By collaborating with community leaders, many juvenile parole officers are making a difference for youth in the community while also establishing relationships early on with families and the youth who are being served in facilities.

These professionals work tirelessly to assist youth in becoming better citizens with productive lives. Often noted as caring individuals, our parole staff promote community protection through proactive, problem-solving work practices plus interventions aimed at changing criminal and/or delinquent behavior. They are dedicated, hard-working individuals who are truly concerned about making a difference for both youth and their families.

Join with me in honoring our professionals who work to make our communities a safer place to live.