Fiscal Year 2006 was a year of dynamic change for the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS). Progress continued from the previous fiscal year with the development of several new initiatives to improve the quality of life for youth in our custody, increase the safety and security of our institutions, and help to successfully transition youth back into the community.

In June 2006, the department introduced the Reentry Roadmap: A 25-Point Strategy Toward Restoration. This plan will serve as our agency’s blueprint for reintegrating youth back into our communities and assisting them in living crime-free, productive lives. Reentry planning will now begin the day a youth is committed to DYS.

A basic, yet significant, barrier to a youth’s success in life is the lack of literacy skills. On average, DYS youth read over 4 grade-levels behind their age. During FY 2006, DYS was awarded a $14 million grant through the U.S. Department of Education’s Striving Readers program. The grant will support new comprehensive reading initiatives and expand existing initiatives to improve the quality of literacy instruction in our facilities. This grant will also provide intensive literacy interventions to struggling adolescent readers and help to build a strong, scientific research base for identifying and replicating strategies that improve adolescent literacy skills.

The past fiscal year marked another great achievement in DYS history. For the first time, all of our juvenile correctional facilities are accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections of the American Correctional Association. Through the hard work of DYS staff, we have demonstrated a great commitment to excellence by meeting this goal.

A collaboration with the Ohio Juvenile Judges Association and the University of Cincinnati was also formed to develop a statewide assessment and classification tool for juveniles. These tools will help DYS and county juvenile courts to accurately assess the treatment needs and risk levels of each youth throughout Ohio’s juvenile justice system. This endeavor will allow us to provide better services to youth and keep our institutions and communities safer and more secure.

As I reflect on FY ’06, I am proud of the progress that we have made. As we move forward into the next fiscal year, we will continue to work hard to improve this agency and Ohio’s juvenile justice system. Fiscal Year 2007 will also bring another important benchmark for DYS: Our 25th Anniversary as a state, cabinet-level agency. I look forward to celebrating 25 years of success with the hard working employees of DYS and see a bright future ahead.
The Ohio Department of Youth Services is the juvenile corrections system for the state of Ohio. DYS is statutorily mandated to confine felony offenders, ages 10 to 21, who have been adjudicated and committed by one of Ohio’s 88 county juvenile courts.

DYS operates eight correctional and rehabilitation facilities and provides parole services from six regional sites throughout Ohio.

DYS also funds nearly 100% of the operational costs of twelve Community Correctional Facilities (CCFs) which are run by counties and used to treat lower-level felony delinquent youth who otherwise would be committed to a DYS facility.

**Adjudication**: The final decision for a youth’s pending criminal case. Similar to a conviction in the adult court process.

**Commitment**: When a youth is sent by the court to the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

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**Juvenile Justice Flow Chart**

- **Youth Enters Juvenile Justice System**
  - Judge Rules: Youth Delinquent?
    - Yes: Youth Delinquent
    - No: Youth Not Charged
  - Community-Based Programs/Sanctions
  - Probation

- **DYS Juvenile Correctional Facility Commitment**
  - Under 12?
    - Yes: Private Correctional Facility until age 12
    - No: DYS Correctional Facility
  - 12 & Older?
    - Yes: DYS Correctional Facility
    - No: Community Correctional Facilities

- **Assessed**
  - Judicial Release to Parole
    - Yes: Parole Program
    - No: Remains in DYS
  - Judicial Release to Probation
    - Yes: County Probation
    - No: Parole Revocation Return to DYS/Court

- **DYS applies to juvenile court to invoke adult sentence. Court accepts?**
  - Yes: Adult Sentence Imposed
  - No: Stays in DYS Facility

* SYO = Serious Youthful Offender*
FY 2006 Highlights

- DYS has secured a $14 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) to improve literacy programs for youth committed to the department. This grant will allow DYS to increase the professional development of teachers so literacy can be incorporated into every subject that a youth encounters at DYS.

- DYS recently released the *Reentry Roadmap: A 25 Point Strategy Toward Restoration.* The Roadmap is a comprehensive approach that starts the day a youth arrives at the DYS reception facility.

- All DYS juvenile correctional facilities are accredited through the American Correctional Association (ACA).

- Vulnerability assessments were conducted for each DYS facility, and implementation of recommended changes are in progress.

- DYS has implemented a centralized Juvenile Correctional Officer Assessment process which includes a questionnaire, video, a reading comprehension test and basic math assessment.

- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in October 2005 requiring all DYS social workers working in specialty units to be licensed.

### FY 2006 Expenditures: $259,550,365.00

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Average Daily Population for DYS Facilities

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Average FY 2006 Daily Population for DYS Parole Regions

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Institutional and Parole / Aftercare Services Offered

- Gender Specific Services
- High School Education
- Medical Services
- Mental Health Services
- Sex Offender Services
- Social Services
- Substance Abuse Services
- Victim Awareness
- Vocational Programming
- Volunteer Mentoring
Average daily facility population: 1,730

Average daily parole population: 1,545

The average per diem cost to house, care and treat a juvenile offender in a DYS facility: $219

Average length of stay: 11.4 months

Five counties made up 55% of the total FY 2006 admissions to DYS

- Cuyahoga: 16%
- Franklin: 12%
- Hamilton: 10%
- Montgomery: 11%
- Summit: 6%

Admission by Race

- Caucasian: 41%
- African American: 53%
- Other: 6%

Admission by Gender

- Male: 92%
- Female: 8%

Admission by Offense

- Homicide: 1%
- Sex: 12%
- Person: 29%
- Property: 38%
- Drug: 10%
- Other: 10%

Admission by Age

- 12: 4
- 13: 30
- 14: 136
- 15: 312
- 16: 490
- 17: 700
- 18: 35
- 19: 3
- 20: 700