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Director’s Message

Fiscal year 2007 (FY 07) proved to be an exciting and eventful year for the Department of Youth Services (DYS). Throughout DYS, numerous initiatives have been launched in an effort to improve the quality of life within our facilities, augment rehabilitative services offered to the youth and ease their transition home.

Advanced verbal strategy training began for staff within the institutions in an effort to reduce the high number of physical altercations that take place. This training was developed through the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management. The training teaches techniques specifically designed to manage the variety of conflicts that occur in an institutional environment.

Over the past year, the role of volunteers dramatically expanded as we recruited and trained volunteers from the community to work with youth while in DYS facilities and thereafter on parole. I’m proud to report over 25 thousand hours were logged for volunteers in FY 07.

Another initiative launched during the past year is Trauma Informed Care training for staff. This training is intended to educate staff on effective ways of working with the highly traumatized DYS population. In addition, trauma related programming has begun for the youth to assist them in managing their trauma.

Reentry was also a strong focus for DYS in FY 07. One initiative that began was a job readiness program with funding through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). DYS teamed with local providers to offer life and employment skills for older youth within DYS facilities from Cuyahoga, Stark, Franklin, and Hamilton counties. Community volunteers work with youth to teach job and coaching skills through a mentoring relationship.

As a department, we celebrated the DYS 25th Anniversary as a state, cabinet-level agency. The event brought a time of reflection for current and retired staff as we took notice of where we have been and where we are heading.

Reflecting on FY 07, I am encouraged by the progress we have made but acknowledge there is still more work to be done. As we move forward into the next fiscal year, we will continue to build on the foundation of initiatives we’ve put into place, as well as look for additional opportunities to improve the footprint of our agency.

The MISSION of the Ohio Department of Youth Services is to encourage positive change in the lives of youthful offenders through collaborative partnerships and culturally relevant therapeutic and academic interventions that support public safety and prepare youth to lead productive lives.
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. Total number of Ohio youth adjudicated delinquent for a felony-level offense in FY 2007: 8,854.
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All teaching positions in the DYS school district requiring a Highly Qualified Status are filled with teachers who are Highly Qualified in the subject matter under the No Child Left Behind Act.

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## Statistics

### Average Daily Population for DYS Facilities

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<td>Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility</td>
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<td>Freedom Center</td>
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<td>Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facility</td>
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<td>Marion Juvenile Correctional Facility</td>
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<td>Ohio River Valley Juvenile Correctional Facility</td>
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<td>Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility (male)</td>
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<td>Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility (female)</td>
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(*Total does not include Paint Creek average: 51.2 or SB.179 average: .8)  
**TOTAL**  
*1,776*

### Average Daily Population for DYS Parole Regions

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**TOTAL:**  
1,449

### 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
During FY 2007, 51 youth obtained their high school diploma and 338 youth received their GED.

Nearly 20,587 hours of vocational instruction was offered to approximately 2,842 students during FY 2007.

The average grade level of a DYS youth in math and reading is 7th grade.

DYS provides Special Education services to 50% of its total population.