FISCAL YEAR 2009
ANNUAL REPORT

“OUR DEDICATION YIELDS SUCCESS”

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The past year has been filled with a flurry of activity throughout the department and in the community. Seeds have been planted to not only reform the institutions, but enhance the capacity of our community partners for prevention and diversion options for youth involved in Ohio’s juvenile justice system.

Over the course of FY 2009, DYS has seen the sharpest population decrease in the agency’s history. The year started with an average of 1,461 youth in July 2008, and ended with an average population of 1,296 in June 2009. This led to the closure of two facilities, Marion Juvenile Correctional Facility and Freedom Center, and the announcement of the closure of Mohican JCF in the Spring.

Our reform in FY 2009 has been steered in part by the DYS Master Plan, a comprehensive guide that was created to efficiently and effectively make the desired changes in a timely fashion. In our facilities, treatment opportunities for youth were at an all-time high, and community volunteer hours for FY 2009 reached a record of 39,093 hours. Through RECLAIM, juvenile courts continue to meet the needs of appropriate youth in their communities while higher-risk youth are served in DYS. We have expanded community-oriented programs such as the Behavioral Health / Juvenile Justice initiative. Meanwhile, our regional parole offices continue to provide parole supervision and participate in community collaboration efforts such as Family and Children First Councils and Re-entry teams.

DYS expects to continue reducing admissions to our larger facilities and building community capacity. The current and anticipated population reductions, reprioritization of resources, expanded programming and continued youth accountability will remain as priorities in our ongoing reform efforts in 2010.
Institutional and Parole/Aftercare Services Offered
Education, Employment, Job Coaching, Community Services, Anger Management, Mentoring, GPS, Surveillance, Substance Abuse, GED, Family Counseling, Sex Offender Programming, Parenting, Mental Health Counseling, Benefit Bank, Vocational Programming, Victim Awareness.

Population Reduction
The DYS population has decreased significantly over the past fiscal year, from 1735 in FY 2008 to 1430 in FY 2009.

Education Expansion
The Customized Student Learning System’s roll-out was completed at every DYS school. This web-based program allows each student to be assessed in all core academic areas and then designs an individualized learning curriculum for each student. The Student Learning System is used in conjunction with a Highly Qualified Teacher in every classroom who combines interactive individualized teaching in a hands-on learning environment.

Security Classification
A security classification process was developed and implemented to determine the risk a youth poses to the safety of the institution and ensure appropriate placement of youth in a DYS facility. Proper classification of youth in low, moderate or close security contributes to staff and youth safety and provides youth with an incentive to display positive, non-violent behavior to earn a higher degree of liberty.

Revocation Unit
A unit opened that is specifically designed for youth who return to DYS on a technical parole violation. The 90 to 120 day intensive programming unit was developed for revocators at Scioto JCF by the University of Cincinnati and DYS staff. The Revocation Unit is a results-oriented program based on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. The unit concentrates on intensive treatment, education, and vocational skill development with the goals of preparing the youth to succeed in the community and reducing identified risk factors that might lead to future criminal activity.

Release Reform
New release guidelines were developed for approving youth released from DYS custody. Included in this approach is an individualized unified case plan that guides youth treatment from intake through parole. Once a youth completes their minimum sentence, they will not be given any additional time except in cases when they are considered a risk to public safety, there is serious misconduct, additional treatment is needed, or when other special circumstance are determined by the Release Authority Board.
An **adjudication** is the final decision in a youth’s criminal case and is similar to a conviction in the adult court process. The total number of Ohio youth adjudicated delinquent for a felony-level offense in FY 2009: **7,103**

A **commitment** is when a youth is committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services by the juvenile court. The total number of youth committed to DYS on a felony-level offense in FY2009: **1,216**
Marion JCF and the Freedom Center were closed in June, 2009.
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STATISTICS

Average Daily Population for DYS Facilities

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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>Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility (male)</td>
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*Not included in total is Paint Creek Youth Center ADP 50.6

Average Daily Population for DYS Parole Offices

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FY 2009 Budget Expenditures: $299,876,748.00

A. Institutions and Private Facilities
B. Parole & Community Corrections
C. Juvenile Court Subsidies & Grants
D. Administrative Support
E. Debt Service Total
F. Capital Total
Admissions by County  (five counties made up 57.83% of the total FY 2009 DYS admissions)

- Cuyahoga 18.56%
- Franklin 13.43%
- Hamilton 9.31%
- Summit 8.36%
- Montgomery 8.17%

Average Population/Costs Per Day/Length of Stay

- Average daily facility population: 1,430
- Average daily parole population: 1,419
- The average per diem cost to house, care and treat a juvenile offender in a DYS facility: $300.33
- Average Length of stay in a DYS facility: 10.9 months

Education

- During FY 2009, 249 youth received their GED and 74 youth obtained their high school diploma
- Nearly 65,299 hours of vocational instruction was offered to approximately 1,430 students
- The average grade level of a DYS youth in math is 5.9, and in reading 6.5
- Special Education services are provided to 47% of the youth within DYS