The state’s Mid-Biennium Review was introduced by Governor Kasich today. All state agencies were encouraged to find greater efficiencies, and DYS welcomed this challenge and submitted ideas for cost savings. Fortunately these savings allow us to sustain and build upon the positive reforms that we have worked hard to put into place.

These efficiency measures include:

**Shared Services**
- DYS is planning to move its Training Academy in Fiscal Year 2013 to a shared site with the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) that will result in utility and maintenance savings at the closed location.
- The agency has increased use of Voice Over IP (VoIP), a shared service through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), which is significantly cheaper than landline telephones.
- DYS is increasing its volume with Ohio Shared Services (OSS) for processing business transactions.

**Cost Savings**
- DYS relocated its central office headquarters to state-owned property, reducing square footage and saving more than $300,000 in rent annually.
- Executive staff parking was recently eliminated, saving approximately $30,000 per year.
- The agency is implementing a printer consolidation plan and is moving to the Cost-Per-Copy system endorsed by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS).
- DYS has expanded the use of videoconferencing, and coupled with fewer sites to visit, travel expenses are being reduced.
- DYS is exploring a new smartphone policy to potentially lower monthly cellular telephone bills.

I am pleased that our agency is fiscally responsible in ways that support important programming for the youth in our care. As always, I appreciate all of you for staying committed to the DYS mission of encouraging positive change and preparing youth to lead productive lives.

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