Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Facility and Alternative Placement Virtual Tours
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Family involvement is a critical key at all stages of juvenile justice. From arrest to community diversion, placement within a facility, reentry, and parole supervision, by partnering with families and involving them in decisions about their youth, better outcomes can be achieved. With this in mind, the DYS has been emphasizing family involvement in order to help youth maintain, and in some cases rebuild, strong support systems.

The agency is reaching out to family members before their youth ever come to DYS. Parole staff provide local juvenile courts with a “Parent Resource Guide” to help families understand what to expect for those youth who are committed to a DYS facility. This guide includes information on intake, facilities, the release process, and parole services. The courts are also encouraged to share virtual tour videos, available on the DYS YouTube channel, to help family members understand more about the facilities and services offered.

We are pleased that a virtual tour of the Montgomery County Center for Adolescent Services (CAS), an alternative placement for female youth, has been added to our YouTube page (choose “virtual tour” playlist).
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- [Emails from DYS](#) (choose “subscribe”)
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All youth leave the care of DYS by age 21. Most of the time, they return to families. Helping youth change their lives, and involving their families every step of the way, ultimately leads to safer communities.