Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Parole Supervision Week
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Next week is *Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week*, a time to honor the important work done by community corrections staff to keep our communities safe. Our community corrections professionals are in a unique position to make real differences in youths’ lives. This year, the theme is *Clients, Employees, and Communities – Power through Partnerships*. Working together makes for stronger bonds between colleagues, community partners, and with youth under supervision.

Last fiscal year, a total of 667 youth were served by our dedicated parole staff. They make a difference for youth in the community while also establishing relationships early on with families and the youth who are being served in facilities. These professionals partner with community resources to make sure that the youth released back into the community have the support needed to connect to jobs, housing and treatment.

Our parole staff work tirelessly to assist youth in becoming responsible, productive adults. They promote community protection through proactive problem-solving, and they rely on interventions that change delinquent and criminal behavior. Dedicated and hard working, these individuals are truly concerned about making a difference for both youth and their families.

Join with me in honoring our professionals who work to make Ohio a safer place to live.