In partnership with the Governor’s Council on Juvenile Justice and the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges, DYS will be recognizing the outstanding contributions of community organizations that provide needed programs and services to youth, as well as the youth that have participated in these programs and have worked hard to make positive changes in their lives. Awards will be presented on November 30, 2017 at the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges Meeting at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris.

At the 2016 Community Recognition Awards, 7 youth were recognized along with 6 programs: Stark County Family Court Girls Chasing Goals; Truancy Intervention Program; The Circles Project; Child Focus, Inc; Restorative Justice A.R.T.S. Program; and K & C Educational Associates. The ceremony provided an exciting forum to celebrate youth successes and thank staff for a job well-done.

Please consider submitting a nomination for the 2017 Community Recognition Awards. The review committee, made up of juvenile court judges and staff, children’s advocacy groups and staff from DYS, need your input regarding deserving programs and exemplary youth. Nominate online by October 6, 2017 by clicking [here](#).

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