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Ohio Department of Youth Services Recognizes Top Employees
Agency Celebrates Staff in Recognition of National Correctional Officers and Employees Week

Columbus, Ohio — The Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) honored top employees at Friday’s Employee Recognition Ceremony at the DYS Training Academy in Orient. The event was held as a lead-in to National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, which is the first week of May. Lorie Lee, Unit Manager at the Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility (ChJCF) in Highland Hills, was named Employee of the Year. Starlet Arrington, Youth Specialist at the Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facility (IRJCF) in Massillon, was named Youth Specialist of the Year.

Lorie Lee has been a DYS employee since May 2011. Her peers describe her as trustworthy, compassionate, and helpful. “Ms. Lee is an outstanding employee at ChJCF, and her values are being recognized,” said Bennie Kelly, ChJCF Superintendent. “We look forward to her continued positive contributions to our agency,” he added.

Starlet Arrington began working at DYS in January 2006. Youth Specialists, previously known as Juvenile Correctional Officers, provide supervision in juvenile correctional facilities while also participating in activities and
programs designed to educate and rehabilitate youth. “Ms. Arrington gives 100% every day and embodies a caring sprit. She treats all youth as if they were her own,” said Chris Freeman, IRJCF Superintendent.

DYS is the juvenile corrections system for the state of Ohio and is statutorily mandated to confine felony offenders, ages 10 to 21, who have been adjudicated and committed by one of Ohio's 88 county juvenile courts. DYS currently operates three juvenile correctional facilities, provides parole services from two regional sites and funds and supports 664 community programs serving more than 88,000 youth throughout the state.

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