**DYS Initiative:** DYS Security Classification System

**Identified Problem:**
- The tools used in classifying youth are not based on current research and have not been validated.

**Proposed Solution:**
- Develop a security classification process that will allow DYS to make more informed decisions about the placement of youth in a particular facility.

**Expected outcomes:**
The security classification system will allow DYS institutions to align services, resources, and operations according to the population's security risk level.

- **INSTITUTIONS:** Facilities will have a clear description of security level and the population it can best serve. This will improve staff and youth safety and the effectiveness of services.

- **DYS YOUTH:** A youth’s treatment needs and behavioral indicators will be used to match the youth with the appropriate unit within the identified institution. This will allow DYS to provide services to youth in the most effective and safest environment possible.

- **PAROLE REGIONS:** This tool will assist institutional case managers and parole officers in determining the most effective reentry/aftercare plan for the youth.

**Method for Development:**
- The research and development of this project will be conducted by the University of Cincinnati (UC).

**Goal for implementation:** Summer 2007