**DYS Initiative:** Reentry

**Strategy:** A new 'step-down' reentry program for girls committed to DYS from Cuyahoga County

**DYS Partnership:** Cuyahoga County Commissioners and Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court

**Purpose:** To ease girls back to the Cleveland area by transitioning them from Scioto to private residential facilities, then back home, with family engagement at every stage of care and supervision.

**Total girls served annually:** 12 to 15

**Program length:** 3 to 6 months

**Selection process:** The youth will go through a screening process and be chosen by a collaboration of the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and DYS.

**Program Design:**
The program will offer the girls intensive family therapy, counseling, life skills and education. The design is based around the common factors contributing to female delinquency including:

- **Emotional factors ~** Depression, trauma, anger, mental health issues
- **Family conflict factors ~** committing a crime against their family
  Family Profile: high level of parental substance abuse, incarceration, and physical abuse against their children
- **Other offending factors ~** alcohol & drug abuse, social inadequacy (being easily led or difficulty understanding cause and effect) and educational problems