Focus: Juvenile Reentry Court

Purpose: Juvenile Reentry Courts are specialized courts that have been established in some counties to implement strategies for improving the tracking and supervision of youthful offenders upon release, as well as, to aid the youth in their re-connection to their family and community.

Some of the Ohio Counties with variations of reentry courts:

- Butler County
- Delaware County
- Franklin County
- Hamilton County
- Mahoning County
- Montgomery County
- Muskingum County
- Lucas County
- Richland County
- Stark County

Reentry Court highlights from around the state:

- Before youth arrive at DYS, some courts provide an orientation for youth and parents by DYS regional staff.

- Preentry services, including assessments and youth specific action plans, are completed prior to the youth arriving at DYS reception in one county.

- During the youth’s stay in DYS, some courts conduct personal visits to monitor the youth’s progress.

- In one court, a reentry court hearing is scheduled the same day the youth is released and the parole plan is outlined to address the needs of the youth and their family.

- Upon a youth’s reentry to the community, one county requires that three phases of reentry court hearings must be completed: transition, adjustment and maintenance.

- In some courts, after 90 days at DYS, youth are reviewed for possible judicial release to parole and plans for community reentry begin.