**DYS Initiative:** DYS Security Classification System

- DYS partnered with the University of Cincinnati to develop an evidence-based system to improve the safety and the security of our facilities by housing together youth with similar classifications.

**Purpose:**

- The new security classification system will be used to determine the risk a youth poses to the safety of the institution and in turn:
  - Ensure appropriate placement of youth in DYS facilities
  - Improve delivery of services and programming
  - Improve staff and youth safety
  - Provide youth incentive to earn a higher degree of liberty

**Roll Out of the System:**

- A Train the Trainer session on the new system was conducted for facility site teams which included Superintendents, Deputies, Unit Manager Administrators, Unit Manager's, Social Workers and Juvenile Correctional Officers.
- All youth currently in DYS have been reclassified.
- Youth transfers began the week of March 16th and will continue through June.
- Youth will be reassessed every 6 months and have the opportunity to move up or down in security level based on their behavior and adherence to programming.

**Youth Security Level Definitions:**

- Minimum ~ Lowest degree of custody with a greater degree of liberty
- Medium ~ An increased degree of custody, decreased degree of liberty
- Close ~ Highest degree of custody with the lowest degree of liberty

**Facility Description (primary classification is listed first):**

- Circleville: Close
- Cuyahoga: Minimum - Medium
- Indian River: Medium - Minimum
- Mohican: Minimum - Medium
- ORVJCF: Close - Medium
- Scioto Girls: All levels - Classified by units
- Scioto Reception: Close