Happy New Year! I am delighted that this year several of our Monthly Briefs will be dedicated to a new series called *Why I Come to Work Every Day*. This will provide the chance to hear from our colleagues about how they see their everyday work, energizing us in our efforts and their importance.

Our staff are our most important resource. Their uniqueness, ideas, efforts, and ambitions are the lifeblood of this agency. Day in and day out, our staff makes a difference for the youth, families, and communities that we serve.

Allow me to introduce you to Youth Specialist Christopher Tracy. After serving in a group home for youth as well as a police officer, Christopher has been a Youth Specialist at Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facility for about 13 years. [Watch](#) as he explains what keeps him coming back.