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DYS Publishes Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report

We recently published our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017, a year that marked an exciting milestone for us as the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) turned 35 years old! To celebrate, we issued a special anniversary newsletter, looking back on our achievements and thanking our colleagues, partners, and community stakeholders who have helped make Ohio a national leader in juvenile justice.

Over the years, the agency has assisted hundreds of thousands of young people, their families, and communities. Now more than ever before, the agency supports public safety by keeping an appropriate balance between serving youth in the community and placing those youth with the highest level of needs in facilities for rehabilitation. The approach is not only more effective in getting positive results with youth, but also more cost-effective. In October, the Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice highlighted Ohio’s community-based alternatives as being the “future” of youth justice.

Our commitment to excellence for helping youth was also demonstrated by the American Correctional Association’s reaccreditation of the Bureau of Parole, Training Academy, and Central Office. Accreditation from ACA ensures that we are in compliance with, and even exceed, national standards. Ultimately this supports the best approaches to help youth get on the right track.

We are proud of what we have accomplished and will continue to make progress in our facilities, parole regions, and community programs during the year ahead. I would like to thank our committed team of employees – people who approach their work with a passion for helping youth achieve productive, crime-free lives. Ultimately, our efforts support a safer Ohio.