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Five Eastern Oregon YCF employees recognized for exemplary service

Five employees at the Oregon Youth Authority's 50-bed Eastern Oregon Youth Correctional Facility in Burns have been recognized for exemplary support of the state juvenile corrections agency's mission.

The five received OYA coin awards, silver dollar-size medals bearing the state seal, as part of the observance of National Corrections Employees Week in Oregon. The employees are:

- Jackie Allum, an office support specialist, who was recognized as an asset to the facility as a role model and for her work ethic, patience and willingness to explain the "how to" to all with whom she comes in contact.
- Charmarie Bradach, treatment manager, recognized as an exceptional manager with a dependable work ethic, flexibility in dealing with adversity and a thorough knowledge of treatment and youth reformation.
- Kevin Briels, a group life coordinator, recognized for being a dependable contributor to the team who is meticulous about safety and security practices, led the aggression replacement treatment group for many years, and volunteered for train-the-trainer responsibilities.
- Louella Campo, who had been a group life coordinator until her recent death, recognized as a dedicated, dependable and effective employee whose professionalism and integrity were respected by managers, peers and youth offenders. Her husband accepted the award.
- Darrin Ryckman, a group life coordinator, recognized as a good role model who is consistent when working with youth and in following safety and security practices; tireless in fulfilling duties that ensure the facility operates

smoothly; and has led implementation of a newly developed treatment curriculum for Eastern Oregon YCF youth.

(Group life coordinators have responsibility for ensuring security, supporting treatment, providing pro-social role modeling, and coaching, confronting and correcting youth in close-custody facilities.)

“These five Eastern Oregon YCF employees and other OYA professionals offer compassion, demand accountability and support treatment and education that help former offenders find the promise of productive, crime-free lives,” said OYA Director Colette S. Peters. “They play a key role in minimizing the number of OYA youth who reoffend.”

In his proclamation of National Corrections Employees Week in Oregon, Governor John Kitzhaber said employees in juvenile and adult corrections are highly trained, productive and vital members of the state’s criminal justice and public safety systems. Effective work by OYA staff members helps the agency fulfill its mission to protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth offenders accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

OYA has custody of approximately 900 youth offenders ages 12-24 in correctional and transitional facilities in Albany, Burns, Florence, Grants Pass, La Grande, Salem, Tillamook, Warrenton and Woodburn, and the agency supervises approximately 1,100 youth on probation and parole in communities across Oregon.

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