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### **Oregon Youth Authority names new parole and probation chief**

A state youth-correctional manager with extensive experience in both field and facilities has been named chief of parole and probation operations for the Oregon Youth Authority.

Jim Kramer, a Marion County resident, starts the new job Feb. 1. He will be responsible for oversight and support of OYA parole and probation field offices statewide and work with Assistant Director Philip Cox in establishing goals and doing strategic planning for parole and probation operations. Kramer most recently has been supervisor of the parole and probation offices in Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Yamhill and Polk counties, working out of the office in Albany.

“Jim Kramer has demonstrated himself to be someone who is committed to youth reformation and who is a strategic thinker,” said OYA Director Colette S. Peters. “We are fortunate to have someone with Jim’s knowledge of the juvenile justice system and OYA accept this role.” For budgetary reasons the position had been held vacant since May.

Kramer began his OYA career in 1988 at Hillcrest Youth Correctional Facility in Salem. He started working there as a group life coordinator in the campus security department and on the living units, and was subsequently promoted to recreation therapist, treatment manager and program director. In 2007 he left Hillcrest to take the field job supervising five parole and probation offices.

Kramer holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Willamette University in Salem.

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

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