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Multnomah County juvenile parole and probation assistant honored

Steve Huffman, a juvenile parole and probation assistant in Multnomah County, was honored Wednesday for exemplary service to the Oregon Youth Authority and the youth the agency serves.

Huffman received one of the state juvenile corrections agency's "coin awards," a silver dollar-size medal bearing the state seal and given to employees for excellence in reflecting agency values.

His supervisor, Debbie Hansen, said Huffman works with a positive attitude and great sense of humor, transporting youth all over the state and connecting effectively with residential programs and the juvenile parole and probation officers he supports.

Huffman is among several OYA staff members being recognized statewide as part of Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week, July 18-24. Governor Ted Kulongoski said in his proclamation, "Community corrections professionals uphold the law with dignity, model positive behavior for offenders and dedicate themselves to the public's right to be protected from criminal activity."

"Steve Huffman and other OYA professionals offer compassion and demand accountability that helps former offenders find the promise of productive, crime-free lives," said OYA Director Colette S. Peters. "They play an important role in minimizing the number of OYA youth who reoffend."

Effective community supervision by juvenile parole and probation professionals helps the agency fulfill its mission to protect the public and reduce crime by

holding youth accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

Huffman assists parole and probation officers who develop agreements with youth, determine special needs and services for youth, conduct monthly reviews with youth, arrange vocational services, administer urinalyses, prepare for and testify at hearings, and participating in quarterly meetings of team members who support the youth. A juvenile parole and probation officer is assigned when a youth is committed to OYA and provides continuity regardless of whether the youth is being supervised in the community or a close custody facility.

OYA has 82 juvenile parole and probation officers across the state with caseloads averaging 25 youth.

OYA supervises approximately 1,100 youth on parole and probation in communities throughout Oregon, and 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.

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