



Director's Message

July 18, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

Earlier this week, OYA honored 12 Community Services employees who routinely exceed expectations in performing their duties. These employees – Lynn Bevill, Thomas Bolar, Gina Brown, Kelly Crain, Bob Davidson, Monica Genera, Clay Hooker, Troy Lovdahl, Molly Matherly, Amy Rominger, Mike Runyon, and Kris Scrabeck – represent the many needs met by Community Services staff.

Those who work in Community Services contribute directly to our quality of life in Oregon. As Governor Kitzhaber said [in his proclamation](#) designating July 13-19 as Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week, these professionals “constitute a genuine force for positive change and public safety in their communities.”

Community Services uses a highly effective approach to improve outcomes for youth: OYA’s case management system. From the day a youth is placed in our care and custody, a juvenile parole/probation officer (JPPO) is assigned to guide his or her progress.

Our JPPOs participate in quarterly planning meetings for youth, visit them regularly, and help ensure they are receiving treatment and other assistance, whether in close-custody or community settings. Other Community Services staff recruit, train, and monitor foster parents, and work with community residential programs to ensure treatment is being effectively delivered.

Community Services employees also help youth receive financial support, such as Social Security payments and medical benefits, to which they are entitled; ensure parents’ child support obligations are met; process funding provided to counties; and manage Oregon’s role in administering the Interstate Compact on Juveniles, which allows adjudicated youth to be supervised in a state other than the one of jurisdiction.

This varied and vital work builds the foundation for our youth to lead better lives, while promoting public safety and reducing future victimization – all outcomes supported by the culture of Positive Human Development we are developing at OYA.

Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week offers us an opportunity to honor the many dedicated members of our Community Services team. Please join us in thanking them for their contributions to making Oregon a better place to live.

Sincerely,

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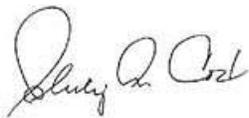
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Director

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Joe O'Leary

Deputy Director

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Philip A. Cox

Assistant Director for Community Services