



## Director's Message

December 19, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

As we celebrate the holidays, we'd like to thank each of you for your hard work and commitment this year. Whether you work in a facility, in the field, or in a supporting role in Central Office, we want you to know that your service is valuable and deeply appreciated.

With staff working in numerous facilities and field offices around the state, it's sometimes difficult for everyone to see the big picture of what we're doing, and what our colleagues who work in other areas are doing. The more we are connected, the more effective we will become.

Each of us, in some way, has contributed to all of our agency's accomplishments. And each of us, in some way, will contribute to meeting all of the challenges ahead. Working together, there's little we cannot do.

Next month, we'll share with you some of the key initiatives and challenges we expect in 2015. In the meantime, we'd like to review some of this year's accomplishments in OYA's service areas and key initiatives, such as education and the Youth Reformation System. [Click here to watch a video](#) summarizing OYA's progress in 2014.

These efforts, and many others too numerous to mention, helped at-risk youth lead productive, crime-free lives. It's important work, and all of us should be proud of the parts we played this year.

Again, thank you for all of your dedication and hard work on behalf of the youth we serve. Please accept our best wishes for the holidays, and we look forward to working with you throughout the New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fariborz Pakseresht".

Fariborz Pakseresht  
Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe O'Leary".

Joe O'Leary  
Deputy Director