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Oregon Youth Authority's leader honored with national award *Fariborz Pakseresht named "Outstanding Administrator"*



Fariborz Pakseresht speaks with a young girl in the care of the Oregon Youth Authority.

Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) Director Fariborz Pakseresht is the 2013 recipient of the Outstanding Administrator Award from the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA). Pakseresht accepted the honor Thursday at the CJCA's Leadership Institute meeting in Chicago.

"This award recognizes Fariborz's significant and distinguished contributions to the field of juvenile justice," said Ned Loughran, CJCA's executive director. "All of us deeply appreciate his committed leadership and dedication to improving the lives of at-risk young people, their families and communities."

Pakseresht said the award was a reflection on the agency and its employees. “I am humbled to receive this honor and pleased to know that our work is being recognized nationally,” he said. “I am proud and honored to lead an organization whose employees are dedicated every day to helping troubled youth and reducing victimization. Their contributions help make our communities safer and provide opportunities for youth to lead productive, crime-free lives.”

Known as an advocate for efficiency, transparency and sound management in government, Pakseresht was appointed to head OYA in March 2012. He joined the agency in 2008 after nearly 20 years in a variety of leadership roles with the state departments of Human Services and Administrative Services.

As OYA director, Pakseresht sponsored the development of the OYA Performance Management System, which measures performance and establishes accountability across the agency. He is also leading the implementation of the Youth Reformation System, a data-driven approach to improving outcomes for at-risk young people and reducing recidivism.

The CJA Outstanding Administrator Award has been given annually since 1999. Previous recipients include top administrators of youth correctional agencies in California, Missouri, North Carolina, Colorado and Maine.

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The Oregon Youth Authority is the state's juvenile justice agency, reducing victimization by helping at-risk young people lead productive, crime-free lives. Learn more at www.oregon.gov/oja and follow us on Twitter @OregonYouth.

The Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving services and practices among juvenile justice agencies in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and major metropolitan U.S. counties. Learn more at www.cjca.net and follow on Twitter @cjca_pbs.