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## **Veteran juvenile corrections worker named to lead four-county area**

Cathy Baird of Hillsboro has been named supervisor of Oregon Youth Authority parole and probation field offices in Washington, Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties.

Those four offices are part of a statewide system of OYA facilities and parole and probation services charged with protecting the public and reducing crime by holding youthful offenders accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

“Cathy brings to her new position a wealth of knowledge about juvenile justice services,” said Colette S. Peters, OYA director. “She is well-respected by juvenile justice professionals for her commitment to public safety and youth reformation. She is a superb addition to OYA’s strong management team.”

Baird, who had been named interim supervisor for the four offices in July, began her juvenile corrections career in 1984 with the Oregon Department of Human Services, whose child welfare division was then responsible for juvenile corrections. Among her responsibilities were casework, victim services, certifying foster homes and working in a Portland detention facility. She moved to OYA as a parole and probation officer when the new agency was established in 1996, and worked in that role until her interim appointment as supervisor in July.

Having spent virtually all of her juvenile corrections career in Washington County, she said, she has established partnerships with agencies, judges and others there and looks forward to doing so in the other three counties.

She holds a bachelor’s degree (1984) in social work and sociology from Pacific University in Forest Grove.

Baird supervises 13 people in the four offices who are responsible for 225 youth on parole or probation. Statewide, OYA supervises approximately 1,100 youth on parole and probation and has custody of approximately 925 youthful offenders in correctional facilities in Albany, Burns, Florence, Grants Pass, La Grande, Salem, Tillamook, Warrenton and Woodburn.

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