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Scio man named employee of the year at Oregon Youth Authority facility

Steve Schrunk of Scio has been named employee of the year at the Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility, and also received an outstanding service award from Oregon Youth Authority Director Colette S. Peters.

Schrunk is a group life coordinator at the 75-bed, female-only Albany facility operated by the Oregon Youth Authority. He has been an OYA employee since 1996.

He was recognized for his successful aggression-replacement treatment of youth, coaching of youth, leadership and participation in team meetings, and the energy, passion and commitment he displays toward reforming offenders. Oak Creek Superintendent Lory Humbert, who called him “an outstanding example” of a group life coordinator, said Oak Creek youth are enthusiastic about their work with Schrunk.

Among Schrunk’s responsibilities as a group life coordinator are instructing youth in rules and regulations; observing, evaluating and recording youth behavior and performance; directing youth work projects; disciplining disruptive youth; enforcing security procedures; and contributing as a member of the treatment team.

OYA has custody of approximately 900 offenders ages 12 to 24 in correctional and transitional facilities in Albany, Burns, Florence, Grants Pass, La Grande, Salem, Tillamook, Warrenton and Woodburn, and the agency supervises approximately 1,100 offenders on parole and probation in communities throughout the state. The agency’s mission is to protect the public and reduce crime by holding offenders accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

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