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OYA's Philip Cox honored for juvenile justice leadership



Philip Cox with the Jim Mosier Award

Philip Cox, assistant director of Community Services at the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), was recently honored for his work to promote collaboration between local juvenile justice agencies and the state.

Cox received the Jim Mosier Award from the Central and Eastern Oregon Juvenile Justice Consortium (CEOJJC), an intergovernmental network dedicated to reducing juvenile delinquency among the 18 counties it represents.

“Phil has been an invaluable partner at the state level as we work together to build a better juvenile justice system at the local level,” said CEOJJC Coordinator Jeff Milligan, who presented the award at a ceremony Oct. 23. “On behalf of the counties in CEOJJC, we thank him for his leadership and commitment to forging a strong working relationship between the state and its local partners.”

As head of OYA Community Services, Cox supervises employees who provide case management for youth offenders, focusing on protecting the public by reducing the risk of future criminal activity. Parole and probation, oversight of contracted community residential services, foster care and other direct service providers are some of the responsibilities of Community Services staff.

“The partnerships fostered by CEOJJC are critical to promoting services for troubled youth and their families and in ensuring public safety,” said Cox. “I am fortunate to have the opportunity to develop and nurture those partnerships.”

OYA Director Fariborz Pakseresht said the award “is a testament to Phil’s leadership and collaboration with a key public safety partner. He is to be commended for his work on behalf of Oregon’s at-risk youth and the communities in which they live.”

The award is named for Jim Mozier, who founded CEOJJC in 1986 while serving as director of the Malheur County Juvenile Department. The 18 counties in CEOJJC are Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler.

Mozier, who since retired from Malheur County and is now an Episcopal priest in Ontario, Ore., carved the award plaque himself from maple.

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