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Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility nurses honored

Two nurses at the Oregon Youth Authority's (OYA) Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility in Grants Pass have been recognized for excellence in supporting the state juvenile justice agency's mission.

They received OYA coin awards, silver dollar-sized medals bearing the state seal, as part of the observance of [National Nurses Week](#), May 6-12.

Correctional nurses Jill Duncan and Debbie Winn "consistently demonstrated strong initiative, particularly by going above and beyond your regular work schedules from June to October 2012 to ensure that OYA youth needs were met," read the citations on their certificates. "Your contributions and teamwork add value and show high level of commitment to OYA Health Services and to the mission of the agency."

OYA Medical Director Marcia Adams, M.D. added that the employees serve as role models for "providing positive development to each other and the youth we serve."

May 5-11 is also National Correctional Officers and Employees Week. In his [proclamation for the week](#), Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber commended adult and juvenile correctional workers for "holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of future criminal behavior and future victimization."

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