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Youth corrections administrator named to lead OYA facility in Albany

A juvenile corrections professional who has headed three Oregon Youth Authority facilities will start July 23 as superintendent of OYA's 60-bed Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility in Albany.

Mike Riggan of Newberg was named by OYA Director Fariborz Pakseresht to lead the Albany facility, which serves girls and young women ages 12 to 24 with both correctional and transitional programs. As superintendent Riggan succeeds Lory Humbert of Keizer, superintendent since 2008, who is retiring.



Riggan was an OYA employee from 2005 to 2010. For the past two years he has managed Harkins House, a short-term residential shelter care and evaluation program in Hillsboro operated by the Washington County Juvenile Department.

“During his time at OYA Mike Riggan earned the respect of both staff and youth as a caring professional who listens, mentors, teaches and ensures he knows how the facility is working at every level,” Pakseresht said. “He is a leader who supports and gives credit to his staff while also holding them accountable.”

Riggan's most recent assignment for OYA was as superintendent of MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn, the agency's largest close-custody facility, from 2008 to 2010. He also served as interim superintendent of the

Hillcrest Youth Correctional Facility in Salem and the RiverBend Youth Transitional Facility near La Grande.

Riggan said his Harkins House experience gave him perspective that will be helpful in the OYA job. “I had a first-hand view of the front end of the juvenile justice continuum and how important successful prevention and intervention activities are to keeping kids from progressing deeper into the system,” he said. He also worked with OYA probation and parole staff, who supervise youth in the community, from the perspective of a county employee. “I have a greater appreciation for the work of OYA field staff and how complex their job is,” he said. (Besides supervising youth in the community, OYA’s probation and parole officers also maintain contact with youth in close-custody facilities such as Oak Creek.)

Riggan holds an undergraduate degree in psychology from Portland State University.

OYA has custody of approximately 750 youth ages 12-24 in correctional and transitional facilities in Albany, Burns, Florence, Grants Pass, La Grande, Salem, Tillamook, Warrenton and Woodburn. OYA juvenile probation and parole officers supervise an additional 1,050 youth on probation and parole in communities throughout Oregon.

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