



EFFICIENCY IN ACTION!

ODYS Agency Review Team

Ohio Department of Youth Services Agency Efficiency Highlights 2009

The Governor's Efficiency and Continuous Improvement Initiative has received nearly 4,000 statewide efficiency suggestions to date. Below is a look at some of the commonly submitted suggestions specific to ODYS that have been implemented in some fashion over the past year.

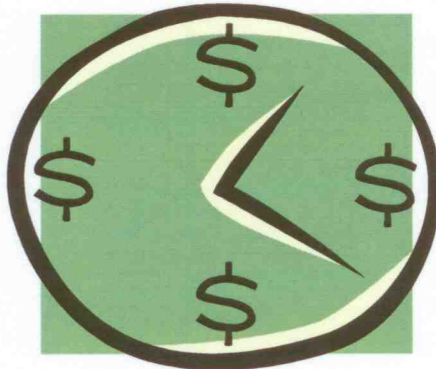
Videoconferencing-

The Department of Youth Services recently received a grant that will allow the agency to expand its use of videoconferencing equipment. Videoconferencing units will be placed in a number of juvenile courts and community correctional facilities throughout Ohio, allowing court hearings, meetings and family visitation to be more convenient and cost-effective. The Department of Youth Services has also established a partnership with the Adult Parole Authority that will allow parole staff and families to access videoconferencing at APA offices that are located in closer proximity than DYS regional offices.

Training- In response to feedback regarding training opportunities, the Department of Youth Services has expanded its use of agency training offered online through individually paced training modules and post-tests. The agency has also started offering more opportunities to participate in trainings by connecting sites through videoconference equipment. Feedback and suggestions on training can also be made by contacting the ODYS Training Academy, or by completing the annual training needs survey.

Recycling- A number of sites throughout the agency kicked off local recycling programs in 2009. Central Office building management has partnered with Royal Paper Stock and Recycling Company to provide recycling receptacles on every floor of the building. Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facility started a recycling program with River Valley Paper Company and have placed dumpsters throughout the grounds for the collection of recyclable paper materials. Circleville Juvenile Correctional Facility launched a recycling program with Rumpke Consolidated Companies and placed recycling receptacles throughout the facility. The proper process for recycling printer ink cartridges was recently discussed at agency business meetings. Site staff should see their business office for more information on how to reduce waste by recycling ink cartridges.

Statewide Assessments- In the past, assessments administered to youth at the county level varied from county to county. The Department of Youth Services has recently kicked off the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS), a comprehensive statewide assessment system that will be used across the state and within DYS. This collection of 5 instruments was created by the University of Cincinnati and will streamline the process of administering assessments to youth in Ohio's juvenile justice system. Training on the OYAS is being offered across the state to certify county and state staff on use and administration of the OYAS tools.



Evening Hours Computer Shut-

Off- The Department of Youth Services is planning to pilot the practice of shutting off computers during overnight hours. The total potential cost-savings of this effort has yet to be determined. The Bureau of Management Information Systems is currently evaluating which sites to pilot this initiative at. If determined to be efficient and cost-effective, MIS will explore rolling out this technology-related cost-savings at multiple sites.

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