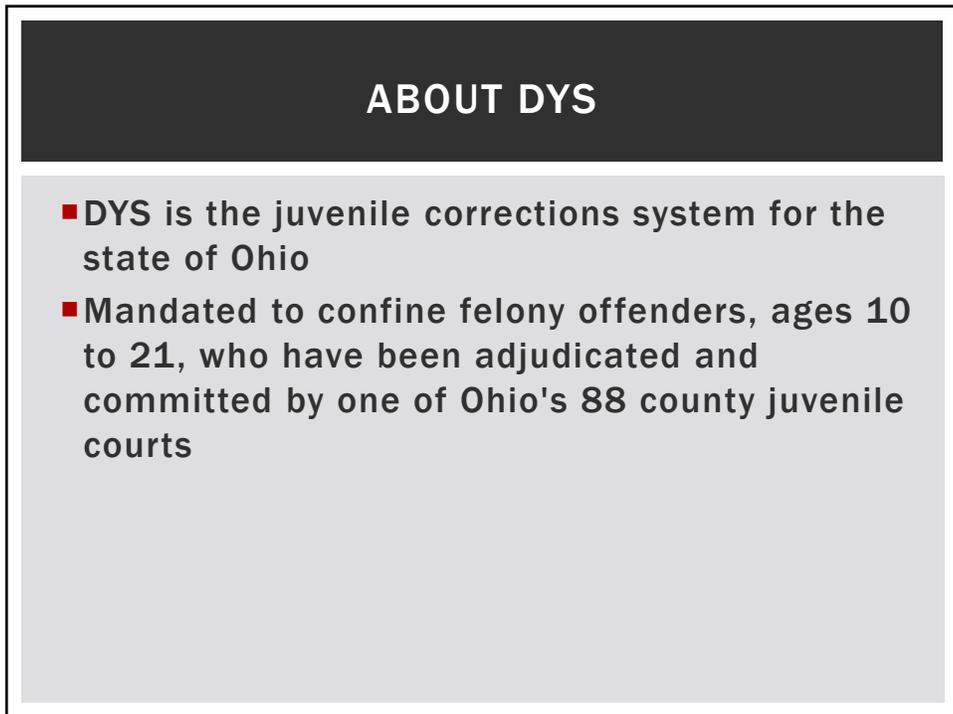




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The slide has a dark grey header with the text "ABOUT DYS" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the header, the main content area has a light grey background and contains two bullet points, each starting with a red square. The first bullet point states that DYS is the juvenile corrections system for the state of Ohio. The second bullet point states that DYS is mandated to confine felony offenders, ages 10 to 21, who have been adjudicated and committed by one of Ohio's 88 county juvenile courts.

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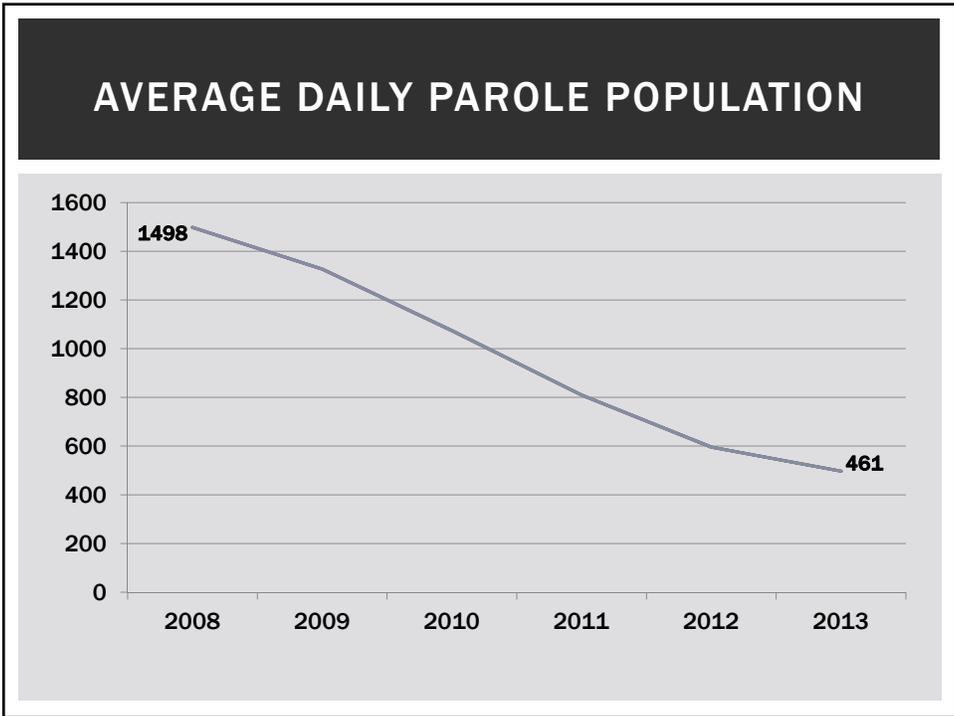
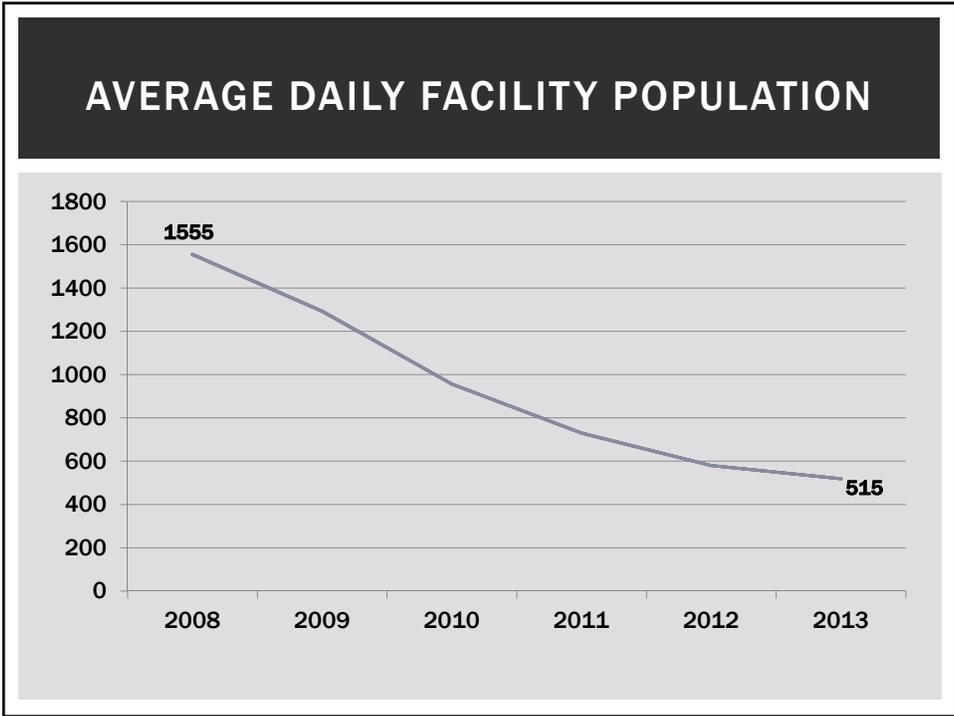
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MISSION AND VISION

- **Mission: To improve Ohio's future by habilitating youth and empowering families and communities**
- **Vision: A safer Ohio: one youth, one family and one community at a time**

REACHING YOUTH IN OHIO

- **4 Juvenile Correctional Facilities**
 - **Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility will close May 3, 2014**
- **4 alternative placement options**
- **5 Regional Parole Offices**
- **12 Community Corrections Facilities**
- **DYS funds and supports 625 direct service programs throughout the state serving 85,000 youth (based on annual program admissions)**



FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR FAMILIES



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BABY ELMO PROGRAM



A FATHER IS IMPORTANT

*"Just because your own father wasn't there for you,
that's not an excuse for you to be absent, also. It is
all the more reason for you to be present."*

President Obama

EVERY WEEK

- Teen fathers at the Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility in Cleveland gather in this room



BABY ELMO IS A TIME:

- To Play
- To Bond
- To Make Connections

And become a better parent!



A SPECIAL TIME

- The Baby Elmo room offers a warm welcome for fathers and their children, with brightly colored toys, alphabet floor tiles, and pictures of Sesame Street's Elmo decorating the space



BABY ELMO IS ABOUT . . .

- Developing a connection between teen fathers and their children
- Strengthening the parent relationship
- Increasing the chances of rehabilitation
- Reducing recidivism



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS . . .

- Teen fathers get together with their children for one hour every week and are supervised by DYS youth specialists



- Teen fathers attend 10 education classes about parenting



A CLOSER LOOK BABY ELMO PROGRAM



DADS AT DYS

- 20 youth at Circleville JCF
- 12 youth at Indian River JCF
- 25 youth at Cuyahoga Hills JCF
- Total: 57 youth are themselves fathers

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