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Director's comments

Partnership. The title of this e-newsletter has never been more relevant. As you know, we are waiting to learn (once more) what the next round of budget reductions holds for us as an agency. Each cut results in pain to us as employees and also makes it more and more difficult to provide the personal attention and services that our youth need in order to do better than when they are first brought to our attention.



Barry Green

Even in the best of times, we are only part of that equation. The pieces of the puzzle that our local partners provide to these young folks are needed to complete the picture that improves success rates. But local resources are just as stressed now as are ours. And they face the same pressures resulting from their own revenue shortfalls.

The needs of the children with whom we work cannot be set aside until economic fortunes improve. We have seen many improvements in outcome measures over the past few years, and we are fortunate in that we see the ongoing efforts of so many in our juvenile justice community. We share the stresses that the past couple of years have brought to our work.

I've said this before, but have to say again that it is your dedication and abilities that make better communities possible. What we do in addition to the efforts that we make to obtain services for our youth from local agencies brings better results than what we do alone.

The economic clouds will eventually lift. Until then, please hang in there, take care of yourselves and your families, and keep doing what you do better than anyone else can do to improve the outcomes for our youth, their families, and all of our communities.