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**DIRECTOR'S
NEWS UPDATE**



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**Probation, Parole, & Community Supervision Week
July 15-21, 2012**

During the week of July 15-21, 2012, the United States and Canada will join together to recognize the work that probation, parole and community supervision professionals do for public safety.

Since 1814, the practice of probation and parole has played a vital role in our justice system. These professionals are a critical part of the public safety system. They are a force for positive change—yesterday, today and tomorrow!

Shantal R. Jackson-Keith, Probation and Parole Officer III, Southeast District Community Corrections, has been selected as the Oklahoma Department of Corrections Probation and Parole Officer of the Year for 2011. Ms. Jackson-Keith began her career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in July 1996. Ms. Jackson-Keith supervises a community sentencing and generic caseload in McAlester, Oklahoma.

I am encouraging all to join together during Probation and Parole & Community Supervision Week to honor those dedicated public servants who strive to make our communities safer.