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Dan Berger named to lead North Coast Youth Correctional Facility

Dan Berger of Astoria has been named superintendent of the North Coast Youth Correctional Facility in Warrenton, a 50-bed juvenile corrections facility that delivers treatment to males with substance abuse issues.

North Coast is one of 11 Oregon Youth Authority facilities charged with protecting the public and reducing crime by holding youthful offenders accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments. Berger, who began his OYA career in 1994, had served as interim superintendent since February.

“Dan is a dedicated, respected OYA employee who has demonstrated strength in programs, facility operations and a commitment to a culture of public safety while changing the future of Oregon youth,” said Colette S. Peters, OYA director. “As interim superintendent he earned the respect of both staff and external stakeholders and showed his willingness to listen and be available to staff and youth.”

Previously, Berger, 39, had been a treatment manager and held other jobs at North Coast and at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn. He began his corrections career with the Georgia Department of Corrections in 1992, and in 1994 elected to return to Oregon where he had spent much of his childhood.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in social and behavioral sciences from Linfield College in McMinnville, from which he was graduated magna cum laude in 2007, and an associate’s degree in general studies with a criminal-justice emphasis (2000) from Clatsop Community College.

OYA has custody of approximately 950 youthful offenders in correctional facilities and transition facilities, and supervises about 1,100 youth on parole and probation.

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