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Juvenile corrections veteran named superintendent of OYA facility in Grants Pass

The Oregon Youth Authority has named a 22-year veteran of juvenile and adult corrections as its new superintendent at 100-bed Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility (YCF) in Grants Pass.

Ken Jerin, a Grants Pass resident with prior leadership experience at the Rogue Valley facility, will start his new job Jan. 1. As superintendent Jerin will succeed Larry McKinstry, who is retiring.

Jerin has been an OYA employee since 1996 and worked for the Oregon Department of Corrections for eight years before that. Most recently he has been OYA chief of operations, working in the OYA central office in Salem and responsible for day-to-day security, staffing and operations in OYA facilities.

“Ken Jerin has a rich background working successfully in a variety of close-custody corrections settings,” said OYA Director Colette S. Peters. “In the past year he has developed and implemented effective facility safety and security reviews, an improved staff scheduling system, and other initiatives supporting safety and security for youth and staff in OYA’s 11 facilities.”

Rogue Valley YCF serves male youth adjudicated for sex, property and person crimes. Its year-round Newbridge High School is operated by the Three Rivers School District.

Jerin was program director at Rogue Valley YCF from 1998 to July 2009, and also served as acting superintendent there during a two-year period ending in April

2007. Prior to joining the Rogue Valley YCF staff he was treatment manager for two years at the Tillamook Youth Accountability Camp, Oregon's first juvenile boot camp.

He holds a master's degree in management and a bachelor's in criminal justice, both from Southern Oregon University in Ashland.

OYA has custody of approximately 900 offenders ages 12-24 in correctional and transitional facilities in Albany, Burns, Florence, Grants Pass, La Grande, Salem, Tillamook, Warrenton and Woodburn, and supervises approximately 1,100 youth on probation or parole in communities throughout Oregon.

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