


**DCFS
Management
Team**



**Acting Director
of DCFS**
Richard H. Calica


Inspector General
Denise Kane



**Executive Deputy
Director**
Denice Murray


Chief of Staff
Vacant

Quality Assurance




Joan Nelson-Phillips
Deputy Director

Legislative Affairs



Dana Yowell
Deputy Director

General Counsel



Dixie Peterson
Deputy Director

- Legal Services

Affirmative Action



Debra Dyer
Deputy Director

- EEOC
- DHR
- ADA


Human Resources



Michelle Jackson
Deputy Director

- Labor Relations
- Personnel
- Recruitment
- Background Investigations


Agency Procurement Officer



Debra D. Matlock
Deputy Director

- Procurement
- Agency-wide Contract Compliance and Administration

Placement/Permanency



Kara Teeple
Deputy Director

- Residential
- Group Homes
- Foster Care
- Foster Home Licensing
- Psych Hospital
- Independent/Transitional Living


Guardian & Advocacy



D. Jean Ortega-Piron
Deputy Director

- Guardian
- Consent
- Administrative Hearings
- Advocacy
- Immigration

Clinical Practice



Cynthia Tate
Deputy Director

- Clinical Services
- Best Practice
- HELP Unit/Clinical Placement

Service Intervention



Daniel Fitzgerald
Deputy Director

- Education & Transition
- Health
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Medical Grant Writing
- Post-Adoption Services
- Housing and Cash Assistance
- Family To Family

Field Operations



Larry Chasey
Deputy Director

- All Regions
- Adoptions
- Interstate Compact Office
- Foster Parent Reimbursement Program
- LANS

Monitoring



Miller Anderson
Deputy Director

- Purchases of Services
- Performance Contracting
- Day Care Licensing
- Agency and Institution Licensing

Budget & Finance



Robert Stanek
Deputy Director

- Financial Management
- Planning/Budget
- Contract Administration
- Administrative Support
- Federal Participation


Communications



Kendall Marlowe
Deputy Director

- Media/Press
- Public Information
- FOIA
- Advertising/Marketing
- Adoption Outreach & Recruitment


Child Protection



George Vennikandam
Acting Deputy Director

- Cook/Downstate DCP
- SCR Hotline
- Child Death Review Teams
- ERC
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Child Welfare Intake
- CAPU


Planning & Performance Management



William Wolfe
Deputy Director

- Operation Analysis
- System Planning
- Benchmarking
- Federal/State Statistical Reporting
- SACWIS
- Program Development

Support Services



Shaun Lane
Deputy Director

- Training and Development
- Admin. Case Review
- Foster Parent Support Services
- Child Location and Support Unit
- Child and Youth Investment Teams

External Affairs-Dually Involved Youth



James Jackson
Deputy Director

- Dually Involved Youth
- Juvenile Justice
- Incarcerated Youth