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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Dr. Viola Miller, Commissioner

History

The Department of Children's Services was created in April 1996 and consolidated the services to children from various state departments. The Department of Children's Services provides a full range of services to children in, and at risk of, state custody and to their families.

The department is responsible for child protective services, foster care, adoption, programs for delinquent youth, probation/aftercare, and treatment and rehabilitation programs for identified youth.

Services

The Commissioner's Office is in charge of the overall operation of the department. Reporting directly to the Commissioner are the Assistant Commissioner for Protection and Prevention and the Assistant Commissioner for Administration and Training. The Commissioner's Office includes the Communications and the General Counsel's offices.

The Division of Juvenile Justice is responsible for programs providing services to juveniles adjudicated delinquent in a juvenile court proceeding. Such services include community residential programs, intensive aftercare programs, juvenile court grants, community intervention services, juvenile education academies, youth development centers, the victim assistance program and probation and aftercare services.

The Division of Administration and Training is responsible for four areas that provide administrative support through systems management, personnel issues, training and fiscal functions.

The Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination was established by Governor Phil Bredesen in May 2004 to better coordinate the wide range of services available to children through state departments and the private sector, with an emphasis on the delivery of health care. It works to ensure that state departments are meeting the requirements of both state and federal law, and of various court orders relating to health care services for children. The office places a particular emphasis on children at risk of custody due to some health-related matter.

The Office of Child Permanency handles matters surrounding children in state custody and guardianship regardless of their adjudication. This division includes foster care services, adoption services, four youth development centers, 13 group homes and an observation and assessment center. Children's welfare benefits, interstate compact services and collaborating with private providers are also included in this division.

The Office of Child Safety accepts reports of child abuse and neglect. It serves families with children at risk of maltreatment, investigates allegations of child abuse, and engages families in the process of assessment. The office also includes the Special Investigations Unit.

The Office of Family and Child Well-Being coordinates the relative caregiver and independent living programs and accesses juvenile services. Medical and behavioral health services, HIPPA educational services and community services are included in this division.

The Office of Finance and Program Support manages the financial and business responsibilities, and procurement of goods and services for the department. This office includes the budget division, contracts division, revenue maximization division, accounting services division, eligibility determination services, facilities management and support services division.

The Office of Human Resources Development consists of three divisions: Personnel, Professional Development (training) and Diversity Initiatives (equal employment opportunity, affirmative action and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964) that are responsible for maximizing the deployment, performance and development of the department's human resources.

The Office of Information Systems provides information systems management including the Help Desk, TNKIDS, regional support, and enhancements for the information technology system. This office includes the divisions of regional information support, systems enhancement, security and asset management.

The Office of the Inspector General oversees the Ombudsman's Office and monitors contracts.

The Office of Performance and Quality Improvement is responsible for strengthening the department through effective planning, policy development, performance management, evaluation and problem-solving. It works to improve DCS processes, system performance and outcomes. The office has four divisions: Planning and Policy Development, Evaluation and Monitoring, Continuous Quality Improvement and Accreditation.

The Office of Regional Support is responsible for monitoring and providing support to the 12 regions and serves as the liaison from the regions to Central Office.

Regional Offices and Facilities

Regional Offices

DCS Knox County Regional Office

3712 Middlebrook Pike, Suite 210
Knoxville, TN 37921
Phone: (865) 594-7101
Fax: (865) 637-8824

DCS East Tennessee Regional Office

182 Frank L. Diggs Drive, Suite 100
Clinton, TN 37716
Phone: (865) 425-4400
Fax: (865) 457-0113

DCS Southwest Regional Office

225 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr., 4th Fl.
Jackson, TN 38301
Phone: (731) 421-2000
Fax: (731) 426-0850

DCS Shelby County Regional Office

170 North Main Street
Memphis, TN 38103
Phone: (901) 578-4000
Fax: (901) 543-7110

DCS Hamilton County Regional Office

1304 McCallie Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404
Phone: (423) 697-6300
Fax: (423) 634-6331

DCS Northeast Regional Office

2555 Plymouth Road
Johnson City, TN 37601
Phone: (423) 854-5311
Fax: (423) 854-5315

DCS Upper Cumberland Regional Office

1300 Salem Road
Cookeville, TN 38506
Phone: (931) 364-3002
Fax: (931) 520-1877

DCS Mid-Cumberland Regional Office

287 Plus Park Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37127
Phone: (615) 360-4320
Fax: (615) 360-1196

DCS Southeast Regional Office

5600 Brainerd Road, Suite C-20
Chattanooga, TN 37411
Phone: (423) 296-1234
Fax: (423) 296-9186

DCS Davidson County Regional Office

900 2nd Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37243
Phone: (615) 253-1400
Fax: (615) 532-9814

DCS Northwest Regional Office

8600 Highway 22
Dresden, TN 38225
Phone: (731) 364-3149
Fax: (731) 364-3177

DCS South Central Regional Office

1400 College Park Drive, Suite A
Columbia, TN 38401
Phone: (931) 380-2587
Fax: (931) 380-2585

DCS Smoky Mountain Regional Office

613 West Highway 11E, Suite 1
New Market, TN 37820
Phone: (865) 475-0722
Fax: (865) 475-7498

Departmental Treatment Facilities

Woodland Hills Youth Development Center

3965 Stewarts Lane
Nashville, TN 37243-1297
Phone: (615) 532-2000
Fax: (615) 532-8402

Mountain View Youth Development Center

809 Peal Lane
Dandridge, TN 37725
Phone: (423) 397-0174
Fax: (423) 397-0738

Wilder Youth Development Center

P.O. Box 639, 13870 Highway 59
Somerville, TN 38068
Phone: (901) 465-7359
Fax: (901) 465-7363

New Visions Youth Development Center

3981 Stewarts Lane
Nashville, TN 37218
Phone: (615) 532-5470
Fax: (615) 532-5455

Taft Youth Development Center

900 State Route 301
Pikeville, TN 37367
Phone: (423) 881-3201
Fax: (423) 881-4617

Community Residential Programs

Northeast Tennessee Region

Johnson City Boys Group Home
208 Quarry Road
Johnson City, TN 37601
Phone: (423) 929-8101
Fax: (423) 928-8632

Elizabethton Group Home
150 Hatcher Lane
Elizabethton, TN 37643
Phone: (423) 543-1871
Fax: (423) 547-0913

**Johnson City Observation
& Assessment Center**
210 Quarry Road
Johnson City, TN 37601
Phone: (423) 929-1240
Fax: (423) 434-6497

East Tennessee Region

Madisonville Group Home
255 Wayman Road
Madisonville, TN 37354
Phone: (423) 442-7411
Fax: (423) 442-7413

Southeast Region

Bradley County Group Home
175 Industrial Court, SW
Cleveland, TN 37311
Phone: (423) 478-0342
Fax: (423) 559-4988

Inman Group Home
264 Hawkersmith Road
Tullahoma, TN 37388
Phone: (931) 454-1926
Fax: (931) 454-1928

Upper Cumberland Region

Brighter Paths
255 Kacie Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38501
Phone: (931) 526-8610
Fax: (931) 528-9299

Davidson County Region

Nashville Transition Center
2412 Plum Street
Nashville, TN 37207
Phone: (615) 741-1505
Fax: (615) 227-5307

Southwest Region

Henderson House
235 North Highland Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
Phone: (731) 423-6654
Fax: (731) 426-0533

Shelby County Region

Peabody Residential Treatment Center
3951 Covington Pike
Memphis, TN 38135
Phone: (901) 543-7943
Fax: (901) 382-5853

Commissioner Viola Miller

Tennessee Department of Children's Services



Dr. Viola Miller was appointed Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services on December 23, 2003. Dr. Miller, a veteran child welfare administrator, is the former Secretary of Families and Children for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Dr. Miller has dedicated much of her professional career to serving children and youth in various capacities. Prior to her tenure as Secretary for Families and Children, she served as the Dean of Murray State University's Center for Continuing Education and Academic Outreach. She also has an academic background in special education and speech therapy. Dr. Miller received a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing therapy from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., in 1964 and a master's degree in speech pathology and audiology from Tulane University in 1966. She later completed a residency at Duke University Medical Center in medical speech pathology. In 1978, she earned an Ed.D in special education from the University of Alabama.

