

Department of Family and Community Services

Department Legislative Overview

Kim Kovol, Commissioner

Clinton Lasley, Deputy Commissioner

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House Health and Social Services Committee

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To provide support, safety, and personal well-being for vulnerable Alaskans

Alaska Pioneer Homes

Alaska Psychiatric Institute

Division of Juvenile Justice

Office of Children's Services

Coordinated Health & Complex Care



At DFCS we will:

- Strengthen lives through meaningful connections with families, communities, Tribes, and providers.
- Provide safe, person-centered care with integrity and dignity to the Alaskans we serve.
- Advance an agency culture that prioritizes the well-being of our workforce.
- Mobilize innovative solutions to complex challenges.

Talent Acquisition Team

Dedicated human resources team to improve recruitment and retention

- **Expedited** recruitment and hiring
- **Personal** engagement with candidates throughout process
- **Specialized** on-boarding support and orientation training
- **Phased** implementation - started with Office of Children's Services

Alaska Department of Family
and Community Services

CAREER FAIR



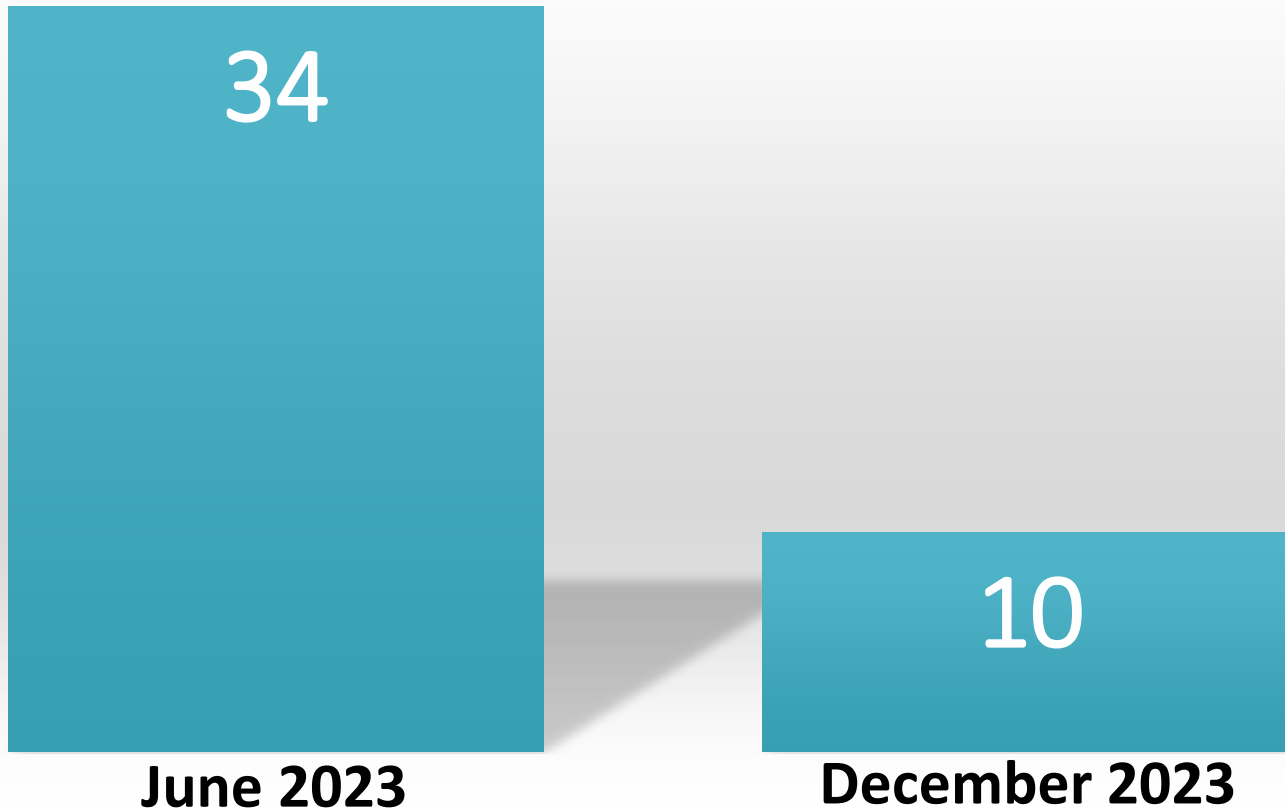
Where: 2221 Eagan Ave, Fairbanks, AK

When: Saturday, September 30 from 11am to 3pm



Talent Acquisition Team

Days from Referral to Approval to Hire



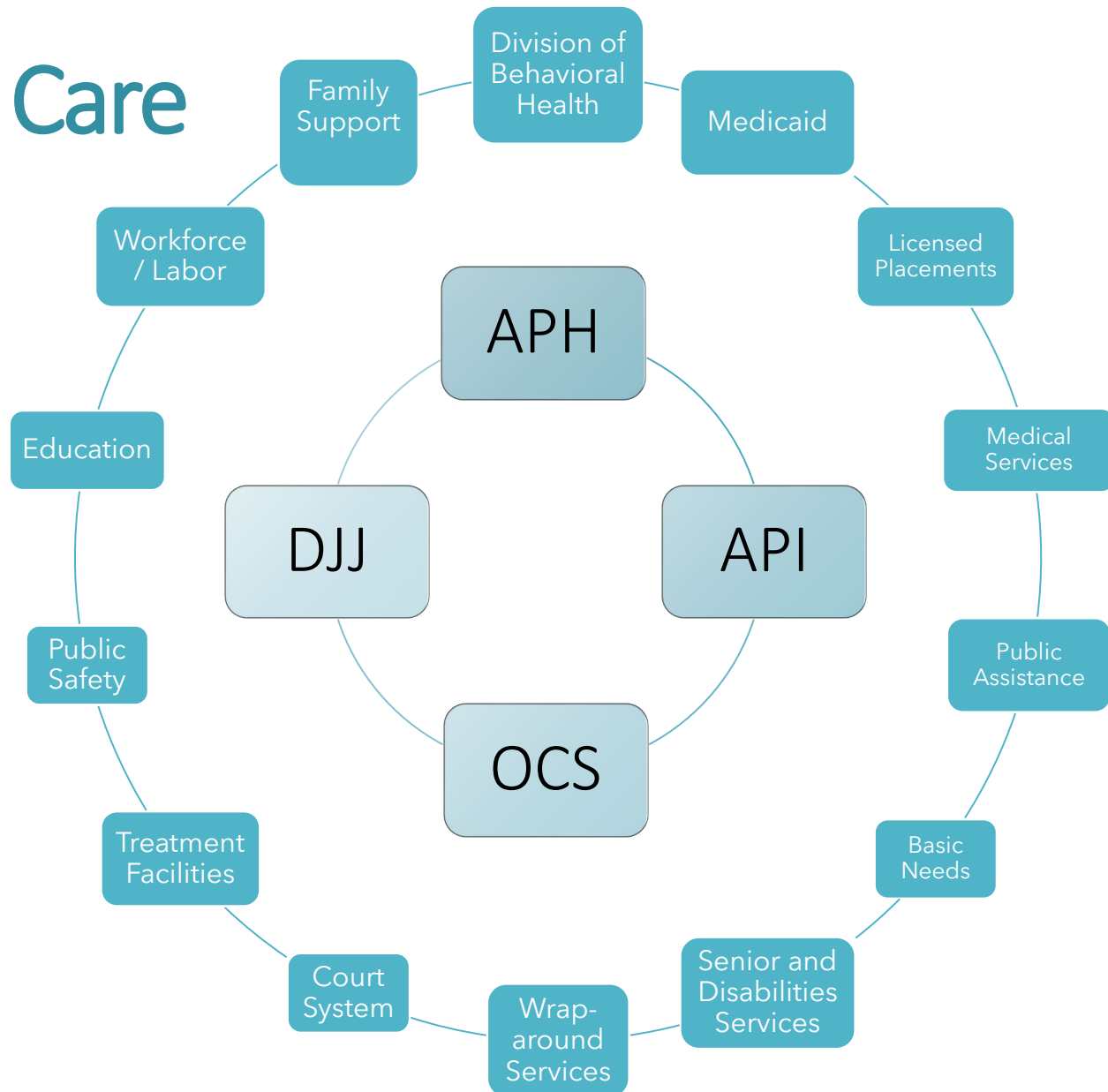


Workforce Innovations

Internships and Practicum Placements

- 35 student interns and practicum placements across the department
- 11 different colleges and universities
- Pharmacy interns at Pioneer Homes
- Doctoral and Masters clinical interns at Alaska Psychiatric Institute
- Bachelors and Masters in Social Work practicum students in Commissioners Office, Office of Children's Services, and Division of Juvenile Justice

Complex Care



Complex Care Unit

- Identifying solutions to address systemic gaps in care for individuals with complex needs
- Data-informed decisions, streamline state system processes, and improve case outcomes



Dr. Brianne Oswald
Deputy Director

Transitional Youth Pilot Program

- Limited step-down options for youth discharged from API
- Home-like setting staffed to support successful transition
- FY25 budget request



Technical Innovations



Data Lake



ImageSource ILINX



Mobile Device Management



Electronic Health Record



Standardization



Tiger Connect



Artificial Intelligence (AI)



WiFi in Facilities

Pioneer Homes

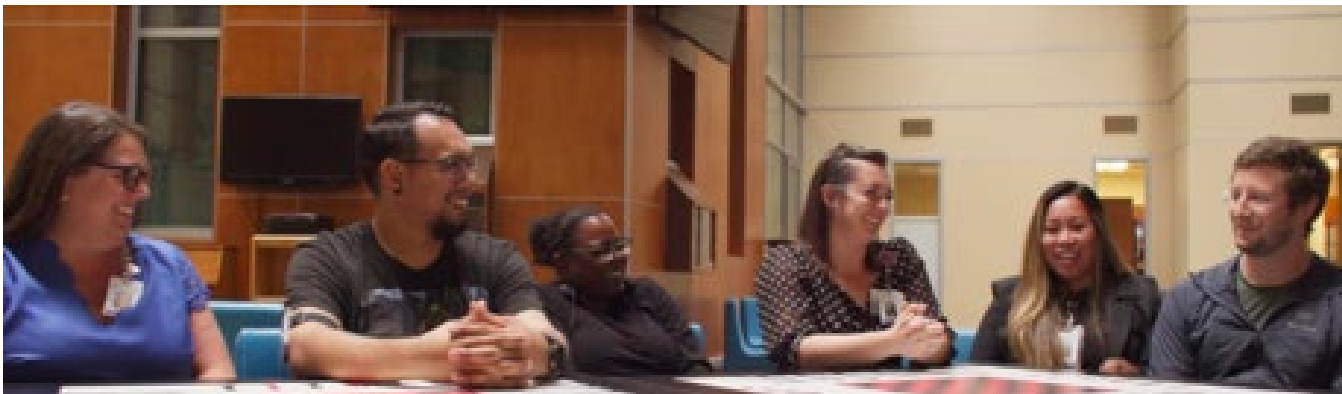
- Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Services
- Safety and Wellness
- Wi-Fi in Facilities
- Electronic Health Record
- Online Admission and Waitlist Enrollment





Alaska Psychiatric Institute

- Community and Jail Based Restoration Programs
- Discharge Planning and Support
- Automatic Medication Dispensing Machines
- Electronic Health Record and Wireless Internet
- Beacon Award- Alaska Hospital and Healthcare Association



Division of Juvenile Justice

- Traumatic Brain Injury Project
- Job Training and Traditional Skill Building
- Community Engagement
- Employee Wellness Program



Office of Children's Services

- Foster Care Base Rate
- Tribal Compact Expansion
- Adoption File Modernization
- Teams App for Youth
- CarePortal
- Placement Search and Support




Coming Monday, October 2nd


The Placement Search and Support Unit

Helps Support Resource Families

- Access Paperwork
- Find Resources
- Streamline Communication
- And Much More!!!

Email fcs.ocs.pssu@alaska.gov or call 1-855-603-8637 for assistance

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