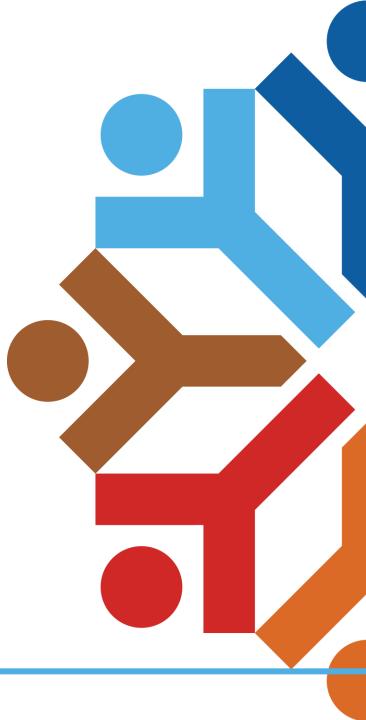
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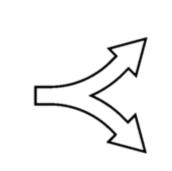
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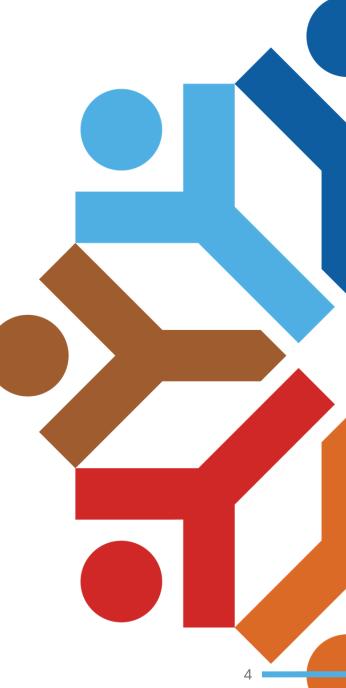
To provide support, safety, and personal well-being for vulnerable Alaskans.

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#### Commissioner Kim Kovol

Deputy Commissioner		Assistant Commissioner
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ALASKA PIONEER HOMES	ALASKA PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE	• Budget
Director: Heidi Hamilton	Chief Executive Officer: Scott York	<ul> <li>Grants &amp; Contracts</li> </ul>
		Facilities
<ul> <li>Alaska Pioneer Homes Payment Assistance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acute, Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Information Technology</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Alaska Pioneer Homes Management</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Forensic Restorative Treatment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allocations &amp; Audit Services</li> </ul>
Pioneer Homes	<ul> <li>Out-Patient Restorative Treatment</li> </ul>	Finance: Revenue/Fiscal
	<ul> <li>Jail-Based Restorative Treatment</li> </ul>	Human Resources
*Alaska Pioneer Homes Advisory Board		-Talent Acquisition
	*Governing Body	-Recruitment Services
OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES	JUVENILE JUSTICE	Coordinated Health & Complex Care
Director: Kim Guay	Director: Matt Davidson	Designated Health & Complex Care
		Complex Care Unit
Children's Services Management	Long-Term Treatment	
<ul> <li>Children's Services Training</li> </ul>	Detention	Executive Core Services
Front Line Social Workers	Probation Services	Executive Core Services
<ul> <li>Family Preservation</li> </ul>	Delinquency Prevention	
Foster Care Base Rate	Youth Courts	Communications
<ul> <li>Foster Care Augmented Rate</li> </ul>	Juvenile Justice Health Care	Legislative
Foster Care Special Needs	*Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee	Policy
<ul> <li>Foster Care Licensing</li> </ul>		
Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship		Regulations
Tribal Child Welfare Compact		Tribal Relations
Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) & Tribal     Destructed inc.		
Partnerships		



### Alaska Pioneer Homes (AKPH)

Heidi Hamilton Director **Mission:** Providing elder Alaskans a home and community, celebrating life through its final breath.

Locations:

Sitka - **1913** Fairbanks - **1967** Palmer - **1971**  Anchorage - **1977** Ketchikan - **1981** Juneau - **1988** 

**Staff:** 427 Full Time Positions **Capacity:** 506 residents

FY2025 Budget: \$112,138.8

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## Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API)



Scott York Chief Executive Officer **Mission:** Providing compassionate health care to support Alaskans in living their best possible lives.

#### **Capacity and Staff:**

- 5 inpatient units
  - Civil
  - Youth
  - Forensic
- 80 licensed beds
- 322 Full Time Positions

#### FY2025 Budget: \$62,678.7

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Matt Davidson Director

#### **Mission:**

Hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior.

Promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities.

Assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.

#### Facilities / Offices / Staff:

- 6 Youth Facilities
- 13 Probation Offices
- 422 Full Time Positions

#### FY2025 Budget: \$66,990.3

## Office of Children's Services (OCS)



Kim Guay Director **Mission:** Ensuring the safety, permanency and well-being of children by strengthening families, engaging communities, and partnering with Tribes.

#### **Offices and Staff:**

- 5 regions with 21 offices statewide
- 609 Full Time Positions

FY2025 Budget: \$205,425.1

## **Coordinated Health and Complex Care**

#### Established in July 2022

Six staff in the Coordinated Health and Complex Care Unit Identifies solutions to address systemic gaps in care for individuals with complex needs

Makes data-informed decisions, streamlines state system processes, and improves case outcomes Provides support and technical assistance for our divisions serving individuals with complex needs

Oversees the designated facility program and coordination of T47 respondents



# At DFCS we are:

- **S**trengthening lives through meaningful connections with families, communities, Tribes, and providers
- Providing safe, person-centered care with integrity and dignity to the Alaskans we serve
- Advancing an agency culture that prioritizes the well-being of our workforce
- Mobilizing innovative solutions to complex challenges

## We strengthened lives by:

- Collaborating with Tribes and community partners
- Prioritizing culturally appropriate services and treatment planning
- Connecting individuals to community services
- Serving meals that honor and reflect cultural traditions
- Expanding our volunteer programs
- Increasing opportunities for family visits



We have provided safe, personcentered care by:



- Fostering interagency collaboration
- Providing trainings on stigma awareness and trauma-informed care
- Ensuring screenings and assessment of needs
- Listening to the voices of lived experience to guide our work
- Implementing evidence-based programs to guide our work

# We advanced an agency culture that prioritizes workforce well-being by:

- Celebrating the achievements of our employees and facilities
- Investing in training and professional development
- Prioritizing mental health and offering wellness programs
- Fostering open communications in the workplace to create a supportive environment
- Ensuring safe working conditions for all



# We have mobilized innovative solutions by:

- Implementing successful recruitment and retention initiatives
- Utilizing effective and innovative therapies for treatment
- Improving technology
- Establishing data-driven approaches
- Developing flexible service models
- Centralizing services to decrease burden on frontline staff
- Creating early intervention programs and processes



# Updates on Ongoing Department Initiatives

Renovations at our facilities

Technological improvements

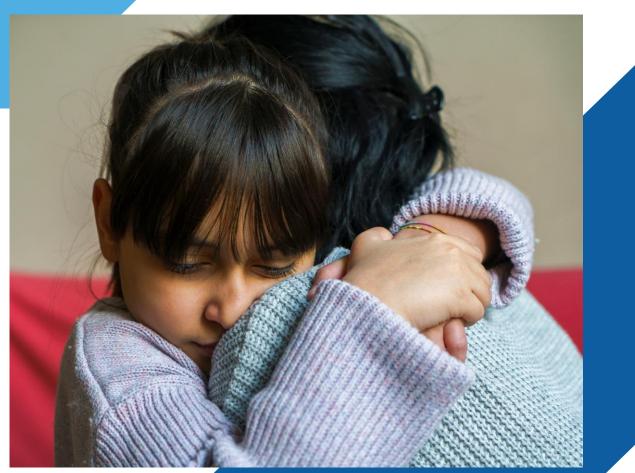
Continued emphasis on workforce well-being

Talent acquisition team

Cross-agency collaborations

# Future opportunities

- Increase foster home recruitment
- Regulation review and update
- Expanding treatment foster care
- Youth services transformation
- Expanding programming at API
- Increase data management capacities



### Thank you!

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