

# Department of Family and Community Services

## Department Legislative Overview

Tracy Dompeling, Acting Commissioner  
Marian Sweet, Assistant Commissioner

Senate Health and Social Services Committee

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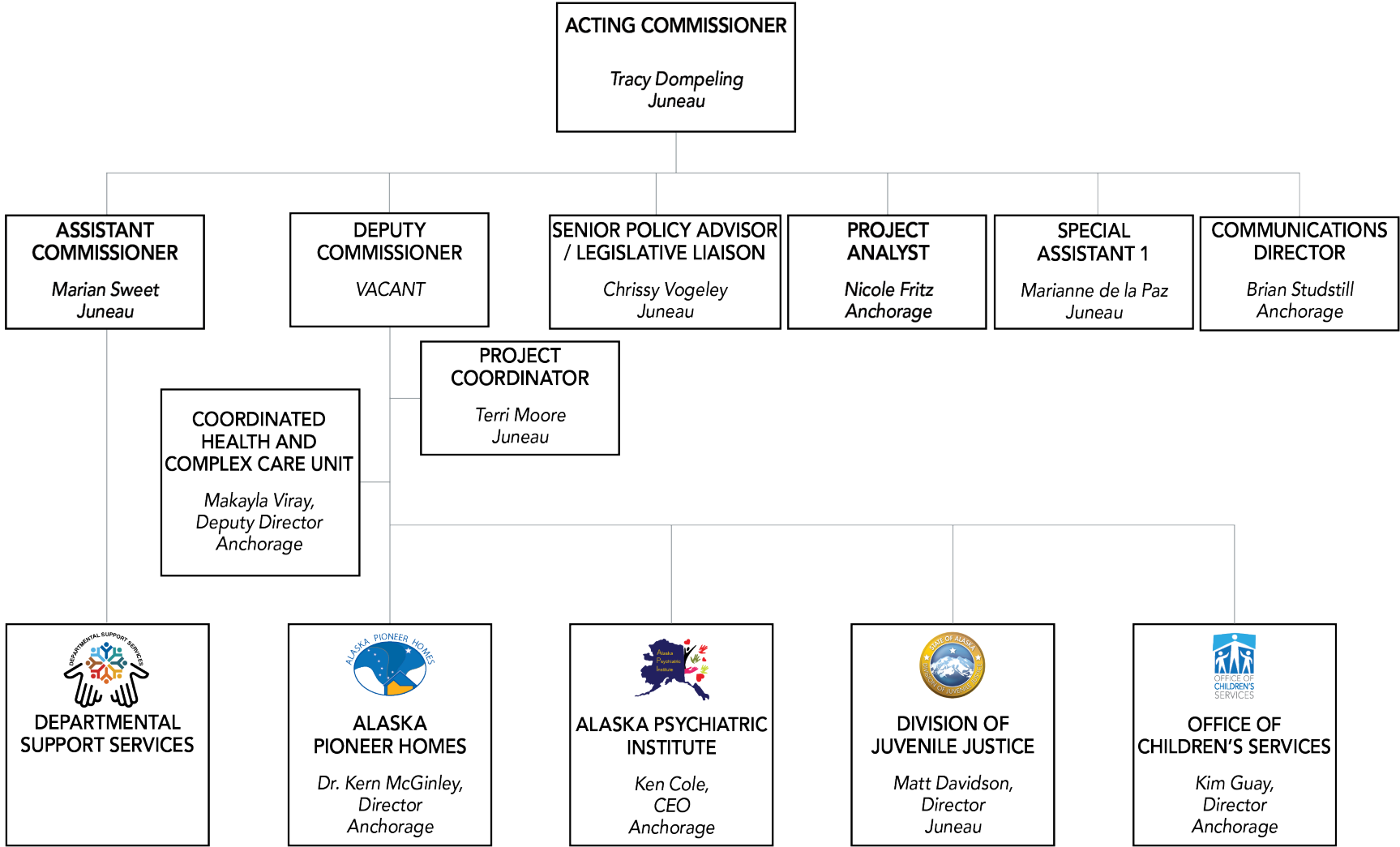
AK | **DFCS**  
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF  
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICES



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

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP CHART  
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE



# Alaska Pioneer Homes (AKPH)



Dr. Kern McGinley,  
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

**FY2027 Budget:** \$117,975.1

# Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API)



Ken Cole,  
Chief Executive  
Officer

**Mission:** Providing compassionate health care to support Alaskans in living their best possible lives.

## **Capacity and Staff:**

- 5 inpatient units
  - Civil (3)
  - Youth (1)
  - Forensic (1)
- 80 licensed beds
- 321 full-time positions

**FY2027 Budget:** \$66,963.6

# Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)



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
- 421 full-time positions

**FY2027 Budget: \$72,840.9**

# 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
- 608 full-time positions

**FY2027 Budget:** \$211,123.8



# Departmental Support Services



Marian Sweet,  
Assistant  
Commissioner

**Mission:** To provide quality administrative services in support of the department's mission.

**Staff:** 90 full-time positions

## **Division Highlights:**

- Talent Acquisition Team
- Technology innovations
- Administrative consolidation

**FY2027 Budget:** \$42,285.5





# Coordinated Health and Complex Care Unit

Works with the Department of Health to provide a coordinated system that delivers compassionate, timely, and person-centered care for the most vulnerable and complex Alaskans.

FY26 Q2 CHCCU Case Count by Division			
Division / Department	Number of Cases	Currently Open Cases	Cases Closed at End of Quarter
API	15	10	5
OCS	24	17	7
DJJ	2*	2	0
AKPH	2	1	1
DOH (SDS)	1	0	1
*Current DJJ cases overlap with OCS. These cases are not included in the OCS case count.			

Most common diagnoses, by order of occurrence

Adults


- Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders
- Neurocognitive disorders
- Medical diagnosis
- Neurodevelopmental disorders

Youth

- Neurodevelopmental disorders (ADHD, autism, intellectual disability)
- Trauma and stressor-related disorders
- Disruptive, impulse control, and conduct disorders
- Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders
- Personality disorders
- Neurocognitive disorders



# At DFCS, we are:

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

# Updates on ongoing department initiatives



Renovations at our facilities and homes

Technological improvements

Continued emphasis on workforce well-being

Talent acquisition team

Cross-agency collaborations

# 2025 accomplishments

## Alaska Pioneer Homes

Launched a new online application process

Residential enrollment has increased

## Office of Children's Services

Number of children in care is decreasing

Family reunifications are rising

## Division of Juvenile Justice

Medicaid for justice-involved youth

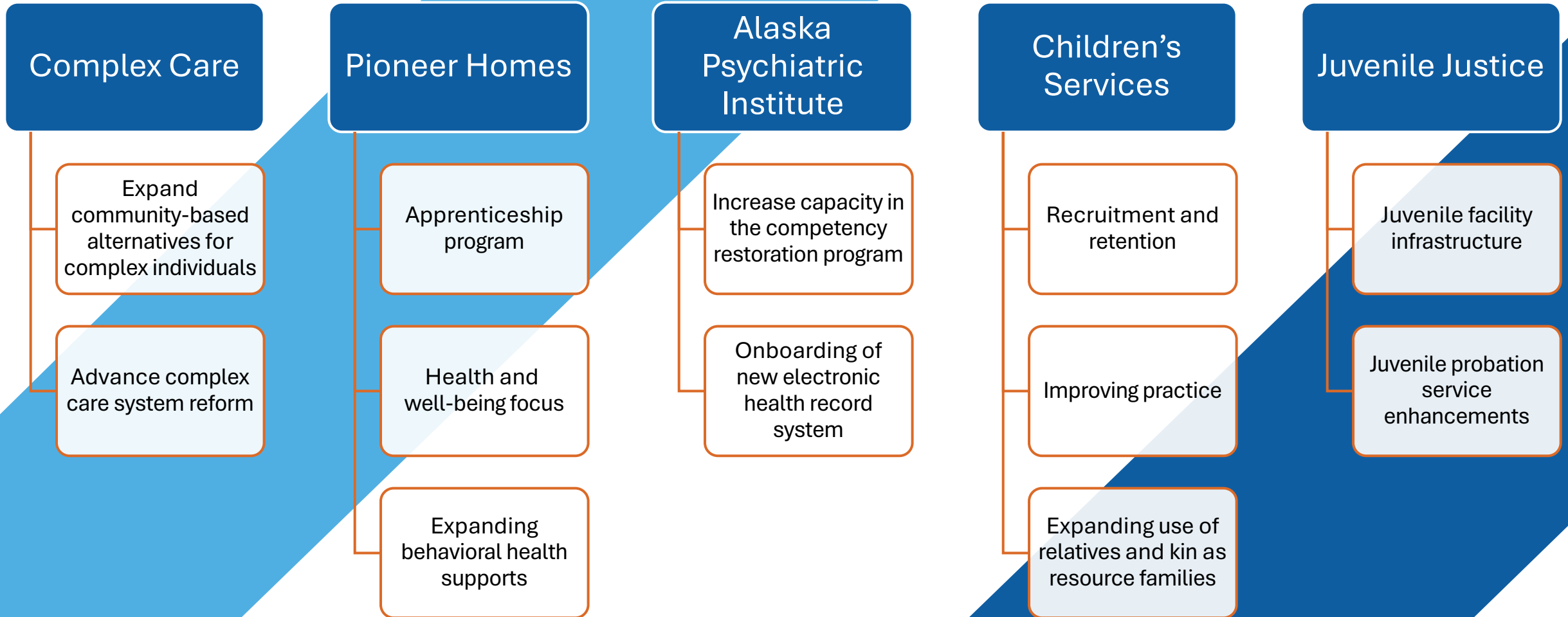
Staffing improvements

## Alaska Psychiatric Institute

Expanded jail-based competency restoration in partnership with the Department of Corrections

Success utilizing conditional release

# 2026 focus areas



# Thank you!

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