

Department of Family and Community Services

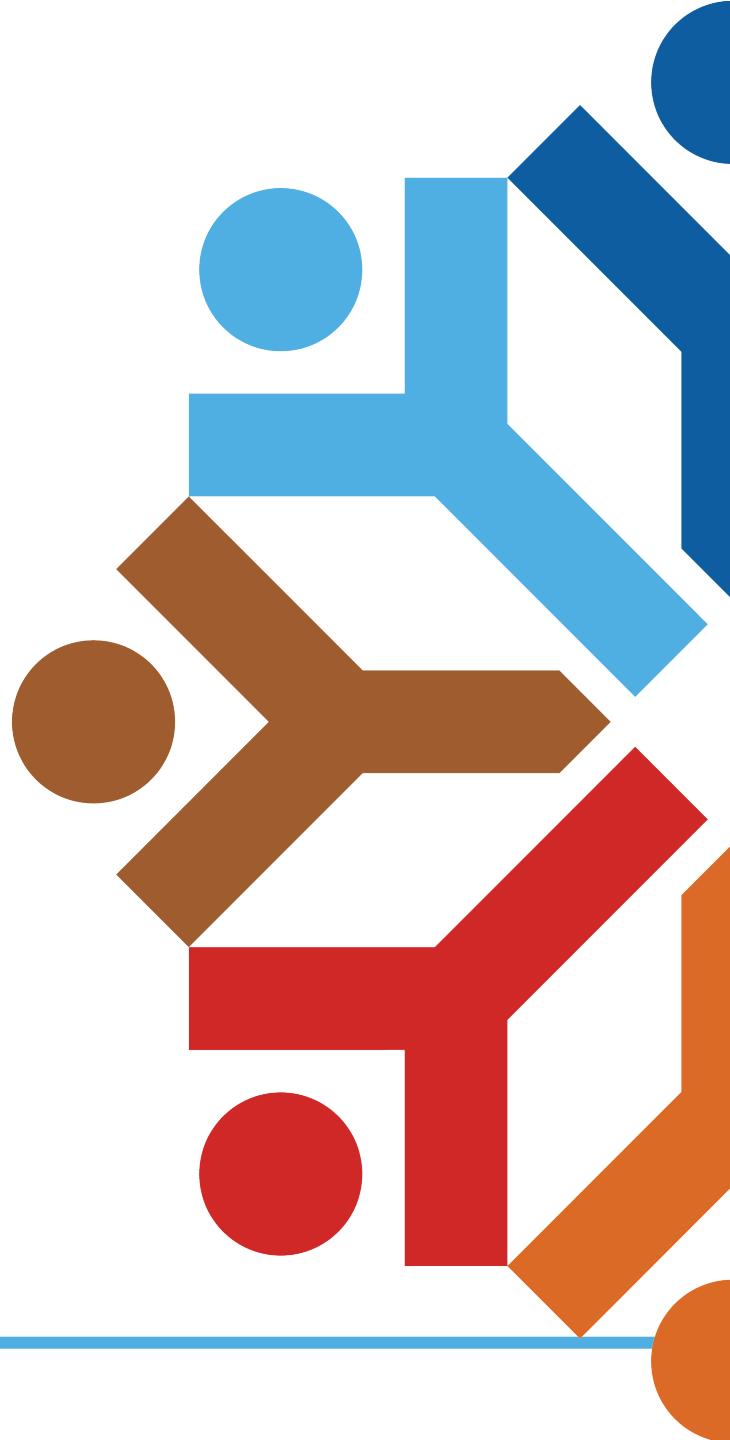
Department Legislative Overview

Tracy Dompeling, Acting Commissioner

Marian Sweet, Assistant Commissioner

Senate Health and Social Services Committee

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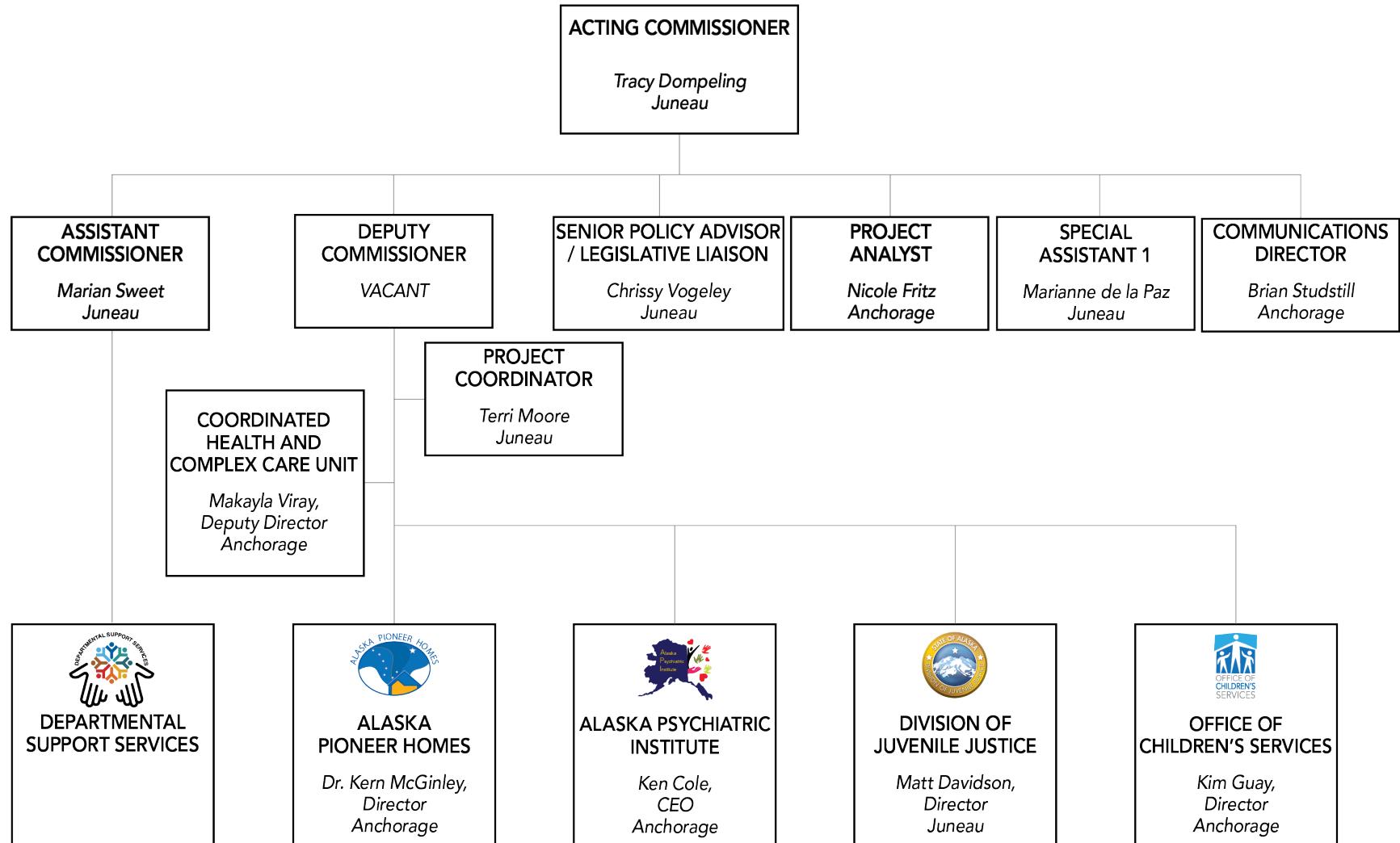


To provide support, safety, and personal well-being for vulnerable Alaskans.

- 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

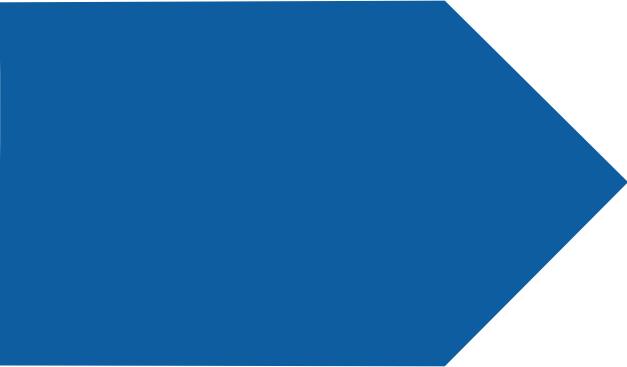
- Neurodevelopmental disorders (ADHD, autism, intellectual disability)
- Trauma and stressor-related disorders
- Disruptive, impulse control, and conduct disorders
- Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders
- Personality disorders
- Neurocognitive disorders

At DFCS, we are:



- Strengthening 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

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

Complex Care

Expand community-based alternatives for complex individuals

Advance complex care system reform

Pioneer Homes

Apprenticeship program

Health and well-being focus

Expanding behavioral health supports

Alaska Psychiatric Institute

Increase capacity in the competency restoration program

Onboarding of new electronic health record system

Children's Services

Recruitment and retention

Improving practice

Expanding use of relatives and kin as resource families

Juvenile Justice

Juvenile facility infrastructure

Juvenile probation service enhancements

Thank you!

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