

DURHAM NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE 2019

Social Services

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TRANSFORMING LIVES, EMPOWERING PEOPLE

Social Services: Mission & Vision

Our mission is to partner with individuals, families and the community to help our residents achieve physical, social and financial well-being.

Our vision is to empower citizens to create family well-being, self-sufficiency, and economic supports to vulnerable children, families, adults, and seniors.

Support the county's strategic plan for health and well-being for all



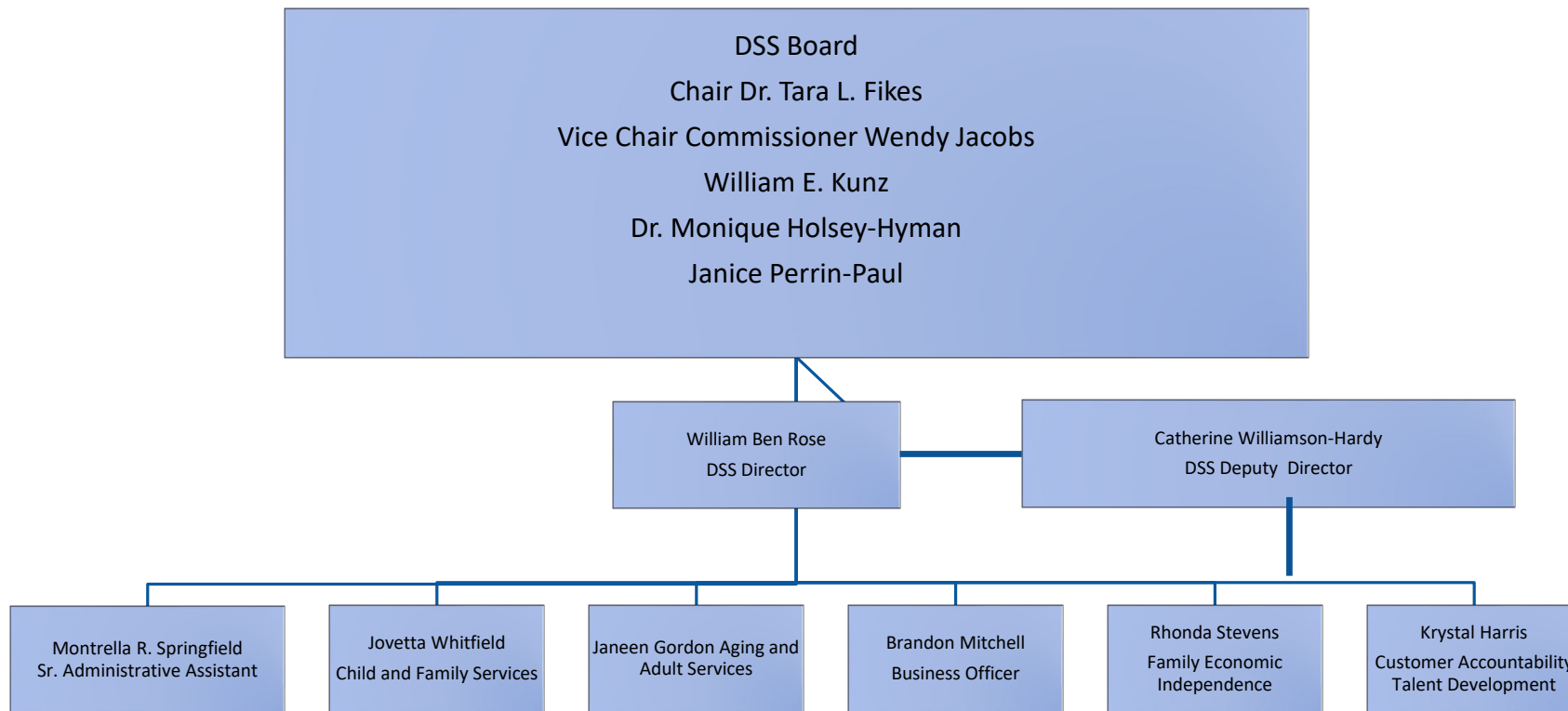
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Social Services Organizational Chart & Structure



Governance and Divisions

-DSS Board of Directors

-Durham County Board of County Commissioners

-County Management

-Divisions Include:

- Family Economic Independence
- Child Welfare
- Adult and Aging
- Business Administration
- Quality Assurance and Training



Child Welfare Spotlight

Fostering in Durham County

- ❖ 324 Children in Care
- ❖ 101 Foster Homes in Durham
- ❖ 154 children placed out of Durham County
- ❖ \$4.3 million a year expended to provide care and services for children in care
- ❖ TIPS-MAPP (Trauma Informed Parenting for Safety and Permanence/Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) offered annually for prospective foster parents/adoptive parents



Mission of Child Welfare

- ❖ To Protect Children from Abuse and Neglect: Child Safety is Primary Mission of Child Welfare
- ❖ To Support Families through Services Resolve Major Challenges
- ❖ To Establish Permanency for Children Who Enter Foster Care
- ❖ To Ensure the Well-Being and Health of Children in Foster Care
- ❖ To Prepare Older Foster Children for Independent Living

It's about safety, health, well-being, and permanence



Other Important Footnotes

- ❖ The licensing of a foster home is a joint effort of the county and the state
- ❖ Foster Homes are temporary safe havens for children
- ❖ Foster Parents must be able to provide for and care for foster children as their own (support visits, ensure education, monitor health, effectively parent)
- ❖ Foster Parents and DSS partner to support the placement with DSS making overall decisions regarding placements, removals, services, and case-plans
- ❖ HB 630



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why does CPS (Child Protective Services) remove a child from a parent?
2. If a child becomes a foster child, can family be involved and possibly adopt?
3. How many CPS Reports do you get a year?
4. How can I become a Foster Parent?



Social Services Opportunities for Engagement

How to Become a Foster Parent:

- ❖ Call 919-560-8092 (Durham DSS Foster Parent Inquiry Line)
- ❖ Research at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/nc-kids-adoption-and-foster-care-network/how-foster-and-or-adopt>
- ❖ Consider becoming a Guardian Ad Litem in Durham County:
<https://www.nccourts.gov/programs/guardian-ad-litem>
- ❖ Advocacy: Advocate for children and families to ensure resources and services to assist and empower families thrive



Social Services Final Thoughts

Partnership and Collaboration

Community

Child Safety and Well-Being



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