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Tracy Dompeling Appointed Deputy Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Family and Community Services

JUNEAU, ALASKA – The Alaska Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Tracy Dompeling as the new Deputy Commissioner of the department. She will begin her role on August 25, 2025.

Dompeling brings over 28 years of experience in Alaska public service, including leadership roles in juvenile justice, behavioral health, and statewide systems management. Most recently, she served as Director of the Division of Behavioral Health within the Department of Health, where she led Medicaid reform efforts to optimize provider payment and expand service delivery.

“I’m thrilled to welcome Tracy Dompeling back to the Department of Family and Community Services as our new Deputy Commissioner,” said Commissioner Kim Kovol. “Many know Tracy from her leadership in Juvenile Justice and Behavioral Health. She brings extensive experience in facility operations, complex care, behavioral health, and community engagement. Tracy is known for building strong partnerships and leading with compassion and purpose. Her experience is a true asset, and her heart for service makes her the right leader for this role.”



Prior to the 2022 reorganization that created DFCS, Dompeling served as Director of the Division of Juvenile Justice under the former Department of Health and Social Services. In that role, she oversaw statewide juvenile justice operations and collaborated closely with DFCS divisions including the Office of Children’s Services, Alaska Pioneer Homes, and the Alaska Psychiatric Institute.

The Alaska Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS) includes the Division of Juvenile Justice, Alaska Psychiatric Institute, Alaska Pioneer Homes, and the Office of Children’s Services. The mission of DFCS is to provide support, safety, and personal well-being for vulnerable Alaskans.

Dompeling holds a Master of Arts in administration of justice and a Bachelor of Arts in social work from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She is recognized for her collaborative leadership style, transparent communication, and commitment to public service.

“It is an honor to continue serving the State of Alaska as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Family and Community Services,” said Dompeling. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to return to a department so deeply committed to providing support, safety, and personal well-being for vulnerable Alaskans. I look forward to working with the dedicated DFCS team to advance meaningful initiatives and strengthen services that directly impact the lives of those we serve.”

Dompeling will serve in her new role from the Commissioner’s Office in Juneau.

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