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**COMEAX APPOINTED
DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR**

Carson City—Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director Mike Willden announced today that Diane Comeaux has been named Administrator for the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), effective June 2, 2008. The DCFS Administrator is responsible for child protective and welfare service delivery in rural Nevada, oversight of urban county-operated child welfare services, children's mental health/behavioral health treatment and residential services in urban Nevada, and statewide juvenile justice services, including state-operated training centers and youth parole. DCFS employs more than 1,000 people and has annual budget of approximately \$250 million. Comeaux will earn a salary of \$102,067.

Comeaux has worked for the State of Nevada for more than 20 years, most recently as the Chief Financial Officer for the Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, where she was responsible for overseeing the division's \$1.5 billion annual budget. Previously, she served as DCFS Deputy Administrator for Finance and Administration, for almost six years.

"Diane has a strong background in accounting and business, and has held increasing positions of responsibility during her tenure with the State," Willden said. "I believe she is well prepared to assume the role of Administrator of DCFS, and that she will do an outstanding job of providing children in need with the protections the State is responsible for providing."

For more information about DCFS and the services provided by the agency, go to <http://www.dhhs.nv.gov>.

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