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Secretary Cari DeSantis Appointed to APHSA Board of Directors

WILMINGTON – Cari DeSantis, Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA). She was also selected to chair the National Council of State Human Service Administrators.

With these appointments, DeSantis will play a vital role in shaping national policy on a wide range of human service policy areas for consideration of the executive committee. And, as a member of the executive committee, she will help advance the goals set forth for Delaware by the Minner administration.

The APHSA is a nonprofit, bipartisan organization of individuals and state and local human services agencies that work in or are interested in public human service programs. Its mission is to develop and promote policies and practices that improve the health and well-being of families, children and adults.

“This is a critical time for the Children’s Department and other state agencies,” DeSantis said. “The federal government is paying close attention as to how funds are being distributed and it’s important for our voice—and the voice of the children—to be heard.”

Prior to her recent appointments, DeSantis chaired the APHSA Children and Family Services Committee and has served on the nation committee that rewrote the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children, which will begin to be introduced to the 50 states’ legislatures in spring 2006.

The Delaware Children’s Department provides leadership and advocacy for Delaware’s children. The Department’s primary responsibility is to provide and manage a range of services for children’s who have experienced abandonment, abuse, adjudication, mental illness, neglect, or substance abuse, while endorsing a holistic approach to enable children to reach their fullest potential. For more information, please visit <http://www.state.de.us/kids/>.

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