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Governor Carney Reestablishes Family Services Cabinet Council *Delaware's children and families to benefit from state agency collaboration.*

Wilmington, DE – On February 28, 2017, Governor John Carney issued Executive Order Number Five, which reestablished the Family Services Cabinet Council. The Council is tasked with implementing innovative tools and strategies for addressing a series of specific issues, including: breaking the school-to-prison pipeline; improving access to early childhood education; increasing the availability of affordable housing; improving access to substance abuse treatment; reducing recidivism in Delaware's correctional system; expanding job training opportunities; and reducing violence in Delaware's neighborhoods.

The Council will include eight members of Governor Carney's Cabinet: the Secretary of the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families; the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services; the Secretary of the Department of Education; the Secretary of the Department of Labor; the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security; the Director of the Delaware State Housing Authority; the Director of the Office of Management and Budget; and the Commissioner of the Department of Correction.



Pictured (L-R): Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long, Wilmington City Council President Hanifa Shabazz, DSHS Secretary Robert Coupe, DOC Commissioner Perry Phelps, Governor John Carney, DHSS Secretary Kara Odom Walker, State Senator Margaret Rose Henry, DSHA Director Anas Ben Addi, DSCYF Secretary Josette Manning.

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