



DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFINGS

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES -- MISTY GRAVES

The Department of Human Services (DHS) was created in 2010. The Department includes all of the foster family and community-based services of the Community Attention Programs and a variety of human services programs and initiatives. The Director serves as a human services policy advisor to the City Manager and works to implement the social policy initiatives of the City Council. The Department also works to ensure the investments made by the City Council meet their vision, values, and outcomes through the Vibrant Community Fund process. Its mission is to provide services and programs that improve and support the resilience, health, and well-being of youth, families, and community organizations.

DHS is also an anti-racist organization that envisions a world where society and its systems (e.g. education, criminal justice, health care, housing, the economy, and child welfare) are just, fair, and inclusive, enabling all people to participate and reach their full potential. DHS believes in the dignity, resilience, and humanity of all people. They strive for a healthy and prosperous society that promotes equitable access and opportunity. Systemic and institutional inequities, especially in matters of race, remain significant barriers for people and communities working to reach their full potential. They choose to challenge and dismantle systems that perpetuate inequities which includes addressing and redressing the historic and current work of the Department of Human Services.



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES -- SUE MOFFETT

The City of Charlottesville's Department of Social Services (DSS) is one of 120 local departments in Virginia's state-supervised, locally-administered public social services system. DSS is an agency of city government which administered federal, state, and local public assistance and family services.

DSS administers benefits programs to help meet the basic needs and promote self-sufficiency for low-income individuals and their families and family services programs to protect children and adults from abuse and neglect to promote and support the development of healthy families. Programs administered include Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needed Families (TANIF), Virginia Initiative for Education and Work (VIEW), and Child Care Assistance.

DSS Family Services Programs provide case management services through federal and state mandated programs. Major programs include Child Protective Services (CPS), Foster Care Prevention, Foster Care, Adoption, Fostering Futures, Adult Protective Services (APS).

In 2020 the department provided over \$72 million dollars in Medicaid and Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) payments to providers; over \$6 million dollars in SNAP; over \$5 million dollars in Children's Services Act (CSA) payments to providers; nearly \$3 million dollars in Adoption Assistance payments to adoptive parents, and over \$770,000 in Child Care payments to providers alone.



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OFFICE OF THE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS -- ALEX IKEFUNA

Office of Community Solutions (OCS) coordinates, manages, and serves as a liaison to housing and redevelopment projects in the city including affordable housing programs, commercial revitalization, redevelopment, and development activities; as well as neighborhood, and constituent services, Federal Entitlement Administration (CDBG/HOME), MyCville, and other key services. OCS facilitates grants management and administration for city departments and offices by serving as the clearinghouse for all grant applications, serving as the liaison between the federal, state, and local funders and the City of Charlottesville provides technical assistance to city staff and community partners and completes grant applications for projects that are in alignment with city priorities.

The Office focuses on affordable housing initiatives, overseeing grants, federally funded programs, and implementation of the Strategic Investment Area (SIA) Plan, and adopted Small Area Plans. More specifically, redevelopment activities include programs and activities designed to attract and retain businesses in the SIA, workforce development, citizen engagement, neighborhood revitalization, and human services. Affordable housing initiatives include the implementation of the Affordable Housing Plan, administration of the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF) and other related housing activities, and support to the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC), Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund Advisory Committee and CDBG Taskforce. Federal Entitlement Administration involves the management of the Federal Entitlement programs (CDBG/HOME) funds, HUD-mandated development of multi-year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan, Annual Action Plan and associated structured reporting requirement - the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).