

**CHILD WELFARE: UNITING LEADERSHIP, POLICY, AND RESEARCH
TO SERVE VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

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Brenda Donald is secretary of the Maryland Department of Human Resources. She leads nearly 7,000 employees who provide foster care, adoption, and protective services to children; collect and distribute child support payments; and administer temporary cash, food stamps, and medical assistance to families. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Donald served as deputy mayor for Children, Youth, Families, and Elders for the District of Columbia. She directed nine agencies that provided an array of social services to more than 200,000 residents. She was also the director of the District's Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), after originally joining CFSA as chief of staff in 2001.

Christine M. Calpin is a consultant working on child welfare and early childhood issues. She recently served as associate commissioner of the Children's Bureau, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. In this capacity, Ms. Calpin oversaw the administration of \$7.2 billion in federal funding for developing child abuse prevention programs, foster care, and adoption support programs. Her professional experience also includes her service as associate director of the Child Care Bureau and as a professional staff member on the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means.

Barbara J. Pryor is Senator Jay Rockefeller's legislative assistant for human service issues, including Social Security, child welfare, income maintenance, education, job training, and children's issues. Ms. Pryor works with Senator Rockefeller on the oversight and implementation of a comprehensive agenda for children, families, and education. Senator Rockefeller chaired the bipartisan National Commission on Children and has worked to implement its recommendations. As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, he has played a key role in child welfare policy since 1993, including the passage of the Fostering Connections and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.

Donna E. Shalala is president of the University of Miami. She was the longest-serving U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, and has served as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and president of Hunter College of City University New York. As HHS secretary, she directed the welfare reform process, made health insurance available to an estimated 3.3 million children through the approval of all State Children's Health Insurance

Programs (SCHIP), raised child immunization rates to the highest levels in history, led major reforms of the FDA's drug approval process and food safety system, revitalized the National Institutes of Health, and directed a major management and policy reform of Medicare.

At the end of her tenure as HHS Secretary, *The Washington Post* described her as "one of the most successful government managers of modern times." In 2007, President George W. Bush handpicked Shalala to co-chair with Senator Bob Dole the Commission on Care for Returning Wounded Warriors to evaluate how wounded service members transition from active duty to civilian society.

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In 2007, Woodruff completed an extensive project on the views of young Americans called "Generation Next: Speak Up. Be Heard." Two hour-long documentaries aired on many PBS stations in January and September, 2007, along with a series of reports on "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," NPR and in USA Today.