

**DAN CHANEY**  
**DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Dan Chaney received a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Psychology from Western Michigan University in 1971. In 1974, he earned his master's degree in Administration, Research and Policy, from the University of Michigan.

He is currently employed with the Department of Children and Family Services. Since 1999 Dan has served as the Director, providing overall vision, leadership, administration, contract management, policy development, utilization management, program monitoring, technical assistance, quality assurance, compliance auditing, complaint investigation, data analysis, financing and for a comprehensive system of contracted juvenile justice services for at-risk and adjudicated juveniles in Wayne County, Michigan.

Dan was one of the originators of the juvenile services and inauguration of the innovative care management system which was restructured in 2000. This system transformed the delivery of justice services in Wayne County. Among many other accomplishments, Dan has promoted development of a cost-efficient, internet-based client information system, authored the Juvenile Justice Services Handbook that provides the foundation for policy direction and vendor accountability in a performance-based juvenile services system, and co-authored (with Cynthia Smith and Carl Latona) Advocating Success: A Groundbreaking Approach to Juvenile Justice in Wayne County, Michigan, 2006.

From 1971-1973 Dan was a teacher and counselor at the Wayne County Child Development Center. Later, he worked part-time as an administrative analyst in a Federal Prison and also as a Director in a Halfway House. From 1977-1981 Dan was a Manager for the Department of Human Services in Juvenile Justice Services. Dan continued working in DHS as an Administrator for Residential Care and Court Services from 1982-1986. From 1987-1999 he was the Regional Director for Wayne/Metro Services.

Dan is a State of Michigan licensed social worker. He is a former Board Member of the Michigan Association of Children's Alliances, former Vice President for Blanche Kelso Bruce Charter School Board, and a frequent speaker at professional conferences, workshops and seminars.