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Lt. Governor Denish to review CYFD, meet with key top staff
Will make recommendations to Governor by end of week

Santa Fe - Lt. Governor Diane D. Denish this week will review Children Youth and Families Department policies, structure and personnel in an effort to both create a smooth transition for outgoing Secretary Mary Dale Bolson's replacement and to consider retooling the Department to make it more responsive to the needs of New Mexico's children and families.

"I intend to review everything, from budget to structure to the management team in an attempt to ensure New Mexicans are getting the best service from this key department," Denish said. "Secretary Bolson was an agent of change for the department, and with that role often comes some ruffled feathers. Secretary Bolson created the infrastructure for positive change. Our job now is to move forward, continuing the positive changes and fulfilling the department's original promise of protecting our children, supporting our families and rehabilitating our youth who have gone astray."

Denish will meet today with key Cabinet secretaries who interact regularly with CYFD to create a transition structure for the as yet unnamed incoming CYFD secretary. She will also go over the department's budget and management structure.

On Wednesday, Denish will meet with some CYFD staff to get input from them on how the Department can be aligned to better meet the challenges of the state.

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