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ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMO TO COUNTIES

MEMO # 15-05

**DATE:** March 27, 2015  
**TO:** County Departments of Human/Social Services Directors  
**FROM:** Cari J. Taylor, Administrator   
**SUBJECT:** Change

As we have seen over the course of the past decade, juvenile justice has gone through significant and exciting changes. Research, evidence based practices and evaluation have provided a paradigm shift of seismic proportion to a system that has gone from viewing youth as mini-adults to incorporating developmental strategies and approaches in order to reach better outcomes. Over the course of the past three years, I have seen the correctional system expand the manner in which we engage the people in our charge and create opportunities for success.

I am proud of the changes we have created not only in Division of Juvenile Corrections but in the juvenile justice system as a whole, which makes this announcement even more difficult. I have decided to return to my civil service position as Assistant Administrator within the Division of Community Corrections. The effective date is April 19, 2015. Paul Westerhaus has been named as the new Administrator and Shelby McCulley has been named as the Assistant Administrator.

Being the DJC Administrator has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life and one I shall never forget. I have had the distinct honor and privilege to witness first-hand the dedication, expertise, compassion, humanity, and services you bring to the people of our great state. It is humbling and awe-inspiring.

I know the dedicated men and women who work in the division will continue to do good things for youth. While many expectations have been placed on our system as a whole, it is critical for the juvenile justice system to stand united and collaborate for the good of our state, our communities, our youth and our future.

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