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CHILD WELFARE SUMMIT

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**Marla McDade Williams | Administrator, Nevada
Division of Child and Family Services**



Marla McDade Williams serves as the Administrator of the Division and was appointed in September 2023. She was formerly the Deputy Director of Programs, Nevada's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), providing oversight to the five Divisions' programs. Marla has a long history with public policy and health and human services policy. She served as Senior Director for Northern Nevada for Strategies 360 and worked for DHHS for 10 years, including serving as Deputy Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health and as a Bureau Chief over the regulation of health facilities. Prior to working at DHHS, Marla worked for the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau as a principal policy analyst for health and human services and was primary staff to the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services and what was formerly the Legislative Committee on Health Care. Her more than 30 years of experience has enabled her to maintain an extensive network of community stakeholders and key policymakers throughout the State of Nevada.

Marla has served as a member of the Nevada Indian Commission, represents the Commission as a member of the Statewide Land Use Planning Advisory Council, and serves on the Executive Board of the Nevada Open Government Coalition. Marla earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Washington State University and her master's degree in public administration from the University of Nevada, Reno.