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Injured Dhs Social Worker Attends Phillies Play Off Game

Philadelphia- Department of Human Services social worker **Danelle Cooper**, who was assaulted last week while responding to a tip call about abused children, will be Mayor John Streets guest at today's Phillies game. Cooper, a social worker at DHS for 9 years was physically attacked in North Philadelphia last Wednesday as she checked on the condition of several young children. Cooper was rushed to the hospital after a neighbor called police- she was released from the hospital the following day.

Acting DHS Commissioner, Dr. Arthur Evans notified Mayor Street and Managing Director Loree D. Jones about Cooper's situation and they invited her to be their guest along with Philadelphia Police Officer **Richard Decoatsworth** who was shot in the line of duty last week.

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The Philadelphia Department of Human Services is the City agency charged with protecting children from abuse, neglect, and delinquency; ensuring their safety and permanency in nurturing home environments; and strengthening and preserving families by enhancing community-based prevention services. In partnership with community organizations, DHS provides services to strengthen the overall well being of Philadelphia children, youth, and families using a customer focused approach that is responsive to evolving community needs.