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DHS COMMISSIONER RECOGNIZED WITH EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Philadelphia, December 19, 2011 – Department of Human Services Commissioner Anne Marie Ambrose has been honored with a 2011 Casey Excellence in Leadership Award from the Casey Family Programs Board of Trustees. This is the first year for the Excellence in Leadership Award, which recognizes distinguished work, exceptional leadership, and relentless dedication to the constituent group she serves and leadership in improving the child welfare system. Commissioner Ambrose is one of four recipients of the Excellence in Leadership Award.

“Our Administration has been and remains committed to giving our young people the best chance for a bright future and the Department of Human Services is critical in this endeavor,” said Mayor Michael A. Nutter. “Under Commissioner Ambrose’s watch, DHS was reorganized with a new accountability system and child placement has dropped while permanency has grown. I am proud of the work our DHS team has done and that Commissioner Ambrose is receiving well-deserved recognition for her advocacy and leadership.”

The 2011 Excellence in Leadership Award is a part of the Casey Excellence for Children Awards. These awards celebrate the contributions of alumni, birth parents, foster parents, kinship caregivers and for the first time, child welfare leaders. Candidates are nominated via a letter and then rated by the Casey review team who decide the winner.

“I am truly honored to be selected for this award. It is a validation of all the hard work we have done as an agency to improve the safety and well being of the children and families we serve,” said Commissioner Ambrose. “I also want to thank Casey Family Programs for their ongoing support of the agency. Their knowledge and expertise have been invaluable in helping us navigate through many of the important changes we are making.”

The awards ceremony will take place in Seattle, Washington on January 19, 2012 and is sponsored by the Casey Family Programs. The Casey Family Programs is the largest national foundation focused solely on foster care and improving the child welfare system.



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