

Jerry Stermer

Newly Appointed Acting Director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget

Past success for Illinois:

- Helped opinion leaders and policymakers understand the issues facing children and families, and built support for positive changes in policies and programs that have made a real difference.
- Ensured earlier public investments in children and improved education, health care and healthy child development.
- Promoted a comprehensive plan of access to health insurance for uninsured children, tax-credits for low-income, working families; secured a dramatic expansion of preschool and other early childhood programs; and championed the development of Healthy Families Illinois and the Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership.
- Published Voices for Children's annual "Illinois Kids Count" data report on child well-being.
- Encouraged Illinoisans to invest more in quality early childhood programs.

Experience:

- Senior Advisor, Office of the Governor (2010 to present)
- Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor (2009 to 2010)
- Founding President, Voices for Illinois Children (1987 to 2002)
- Adjunct professor, Northwestern University's School of Education (2002 to present)
- Supervisor of Government Affairs, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago (1985 to 1987)
- Executive Director, Legislative Advisory Committee on Public Aid (1979 to 1985)
- Assistant to the Director and other positions, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (1973 to 1979)
- Volunteer, Peace Corps in Ecuador (1968 to 1970)

Board Positions:

- Member, Executive Committee of the Illinois Early Learning Council
- Chair, Illinois Child Support Advisory Committee
- Commissioner, 21st Century Commission of the City of Chicago
- Coordination Committee, A+ Illinois campaign
- Board Member, Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation
- Board Member, Voices for America's Children
- Board Member, Governor's Task Force on Human Services Reform

Education:

- University of Illinois, MA in Political Science (1982)
- Divine Word Seminary in Epworth, Iowa, BA in English (1966)

Awards:

- 2008 Benjamin Gingiss Service Award for Advocacy for vulnerable children from the Illinois Humane Society
- Chicago Center for Cultural Connections Founders Award
- The Blue Bow Award from the Children's Home and Aid Society

David Vaught

Newly Appointed Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Experience:

- Director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (2009 to present)
- Chairman of Illinois' Procurement Policy Board (2009 to present)
- Co-owner, director and portfolio manager of Mitchell, Vaught & Taylor Inc. Investment Advisors (1996 to present)
- Senior Advisor to Governor Pat Quinn (2009)
- Commissioner of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (2005 to 2008)
- Office of Illinois Treasurer Pat Quinn (1991 to 1995)
- Trustee of the Great Lakes Protection Fund

Achievements:

- Earned CFA designation in 1994
- Member of the Illinois Bar Association since 1977
- Served in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division

Education:

- Southern Illinois University of Law, JD
- United States Military Academy at West Point

Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck

Newly Appointed Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health

Experience:

- Commissioner of Mental Health in Ulster County, New York (2011 to present)
- Public Health Director in Ulster County, New York (2009 to present)
- Member of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Epidemic Intelligence Service (1998 to 2009)
 - Worked in Jamaica, Nigeria, Uganda, Haiti, Namibia and Vietnam
 - Played major role in efforts to eradicate polio as a Consultant for the World Health Organization to Bangladesh
 - Appointed as the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief's Chief of Party and CDC Director in Guyana, South America

Achievements:

- Published numerous scientific articles, reports and book chapters
- Recipient of several distinguished honors, including:
 - Secretary's Primary Health Care Policy Fellowship
 - Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service
 - Meritorious Honor Award from the U.S. Department of State

Education:

- University of California-Berkeley, BA, MPH
- UCLA/Drew School of Medicine, MD