LYNN A. JOHNSON BIOGRAPHY

Lynn Johnson currently serves as the Executive Director of Jefferson County Human Services. This agency includes Divisions of Head Start, Workforce, Career and Family Services (TANF), Children, Youth and Families (Child Welfare), Justice Services, and Community Assistance which includes Medicaid, Food stamps and Adult and Aging services. Governor Ritter currently appointed Mrs. Johnson to the Outcomes Sub-Committee for the Child Welfare Action Commission. In 1999 she was appointed to Governor Owens' Task Force on Child Welfare. Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey appointed Mrs. Johnson to serve on the Judicial Commission for Families in the Courts.

Prior to this position, Mrs. Johnson ran her own firm consulting on issues pertaining to mental health, high risk youth, developmental disabilities, child welfare and early childhood education. She was the Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor Jane E. Norton in 2002 and from 1999 to 2002 was a policy advisor to Governor Bill Owens handling primarily Human Services issues.

Before joining the Owens administration Mrs. Johnson had "hands on" experience working with families and children. She served as a senior specialist with the United States Courts as a probation and parole officer. She was responsible for direct supervision of offenders with mental health problems and offenders convicted of sex offenses. Recognized as an authority on treatment for offenders and their families, Mrs. Johnson consulted with federal judges and case managers across the nation.

Mrs. Johnson has a bachelor's degree in Rehabilitation from the University of Northern Colorado and a master's degree in social Work from Arizona State University. She is a graduate of the Federal Judicial Center National Leadership Development Program.