

Chris Kirby

Disability Determination Services, Executive Director

Chris Kirby has spent his full career with Disability Determination Services, a total of 22 years. He began his career as a Disability Examiner in Baton Rouge in 2003, spending four years participating in pilot programs such as the conversion to electronic medical records.

In 2007, Chris moved to Colorado to work as the DDS Training Supervisor. In that time, he trained over 60 new examiners and supervised them for their first year. This is where he developed his passion for training, mentoring and teaching.

In 2011, Chris returned back to his home state and quickly moved into a management role within the Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS). He spent time working in multiple roles and oversaw the state and federal budgets, policy, professional relations, disability hearings and many other aspects of the DDS. After three years, Chris became the Director of the DDS and has served in that role ever since. Due to the "One Door" legislation, DDS was transferred from DCFS to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to streamline services coming from one sole agency.

Chris has received multiple Commissioner Citations from the Social Security Administration and has served as the Regional Representative for the National Council of Disability Determinations Directors. He also spent several years as the vice chair of the Second Injury Board with the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

Chris grew up in Baton Rouge, LA and graduated from LSU with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He and his wife Lisa have been married for 24 years and have 3 children ranging from the age of 5 to 13. He is a lifelong fan of LSU football and baseball and has a passion for music and film.