

Chris KIRBY

Executive Director, Disability Determination Services (DDS)

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 to his home state and quickly moved into a management role within the Louisiana Department of Children and 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 DDS. After three years, Chris became

the director of DDS. Due to the Project 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 and graduated from LSU with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology. He and his wife, Lisa, have been married for 24 years and have three children ranging from the ages of 5 to 13. He is a lifelong fan of LSU football and baseball, and has a passion for music and film.