

# Gearry WILLIAMS

## Assistant Secretary, Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS)

Gearry Williams comes to LDH with over 15 years of state service, most recently serving eight years as undersecretary of Louisiana's Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ).

With more than 30 years of experience in management, business development, budget analysis and operations, he brings a unique skill set to OAAS. As undersecretary, he oversaw the daily operations and management of the Office of Management and Finance. In previous roles at OJJ, he was responsible for oversight of food services, facility and community-based treatment, and educational programs across the state. In these roles, Gearry's responsibilities included the administration and management of federal funding and reimbursements.

Gearry oversees a broad range of programming, including all of the

long-term care programs that serve senior citizens and people with adult-onset disabilities in Louisiana. Some of the initiatives under Gearry's leadership include the Community Choices Waiver, Long-Term Personal Care Services, Adult Protective Services, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Louisiana's Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program.

Prior to OJJ, Gearry was a state budget management analyst in the Louisiana Office of Planning and Budget. He previously worked for many years at an executive level in finance and banking.

Gearry earned his bachelor's degree in business management from Northwestern State University. Originally from Alexandria, Gearry has been married to his wife, Toohsdi, for 30 years, and they have three daughters.