

DCYF announced today that Rebecca Kelly, who currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Juvenile Rehabilitation, will serve as Echo Glen's interim superintendent, effective Dec. 1, 2024.

Rebecca has extensive experience leading rehabilitation and treatment services, having been in JR leadership since 2013, including acting assistant secretary of Juvenile Rehabilitation during the height of the pandemic. She previously worked with JR leaders to implement new laws, policies and initiatives such as improving reentry, services for older youth, Tribal youth, and CF transitions.

"Rebecca is someone who understands the needs of young people and staff at our facilities," said Felice Upton, Assistant Secretary of Juvenile Rehabilitation. "I am pleased knowing that Echo Glen is in good hands and that Rebecca is very familiar with the ongoing safety concerns we face at facilities due to the rising JR population."

DCYF is currently recruiting for Echo Glen's Superintendent and has expanded those efforts across the nation in hopes of finding the right candidate and filling the position early next year.

Echo Glen Children's Center, in Snoqualmie, is a medium/maximum-security facility that provides education, vocational training, and treatment programs for substance use, behavioral health, and mental health to males up to 17 years old and females up to age 25 sentenced to juvenile rehabilitation.