



**Clarence H. Carter, Commissioner,
Human Services**

Clarence H. Carter was appointed to serve as a member of Governor Bill Lee's Cabinet as the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) in January 2021. Mr. Carter oversees the state's second-largest agency, with an operating budget of more than \$3 billion and nearly 4,000 employees across 95 counties. TDHS provides more than 17 programs and services, including nutrition programs, employment assistance, vocational training, and protective services, aiming to strengthen Tennessee by strengthening Tennesseans.

A chair of multiple state task forces, a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, and a published author, Mr. Carter is recognized for his leadership

and innovation in public administration. With over 30 years of experience, including roles under four Governors, two Presidents, and a Mayor, Mr. Carter has significantly contributed to public service, focusing on improving the safety net for socially and economically vulnerable citizens.