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Commissioner of disability department retires

MONTGOMERY – Cary F. Boswell, who has served as commissioner of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) since 2009, will be retiring June 30.

As commissioner, Boswell has been responsible for a department that serves Alabama's children and adults with disabilities through 33 community-based offices around the state, reaching residents in all 67 counties. In fiscal year 2015, ADRS served more than 47,500 Alabamians statewide.

Under Boswell's leadership, the department has maintained a strong national reputation for its progressive work in the areas of transition, services for the deaf and blind, employer services, early intervention services, and services for persons with the most-significant disabilities.

Jointly with the Alabama Department of Mental Health and local school districts, Commissioner Boswell oversaw the establishment in Alabama of Project SEARCH, a unique transition program that allows students with significant disabilities to gain vital work experience at a job site.

Boswell joined the department in 1985 as an education specialist with expertise in programs that help students with disabilities transition from school to work. He served as state coordinator of supported employment before being named assistant commissioner of Children's Rehabilitation Service, a post he held from 2002 to 2006. Following a brief retirement, Boswell returned to ADRS when he was named commissioner in 2009.

"Everyone, regardless of ability, deserves an opportunity to be independent, have equal access to affordable housing, and have adequate transportation available to them," he said. "I've devoted my life ensuring persons with disabilities have that opportunity. I genuinely care about the people we serve, and I hope that level of compassion shows when others look back on my career."

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

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