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## News Release

### DSS Appoints New Social Work Program Administrator

**August 4, 2014, Monroe, NC** – The Union County Division of Social Services has named Patrick Betancourt Social Work Program Administrator I over Child Welfare Services. His first day with Union County will be Monday, Aug. 11.

Betancourt has 22 years of experience in the Child Welfare field and recently worked for the N.C. Division of Social Services overseeing the on-going implementation of child welfare practice reform across the state. He has served in the role as a Child Welfare Policy Administrator, Multiple Response System Program Coordinator, Child Protective Services Supervisor, Children's Services Social Worker III, Foster Care Program Manager, Independent Living Services Program Manager, Residential Counselor and Camp Counselor.

"Patrick believes in the importance of change and is fully invested in the change process, including greater family engagement, outcomes, focused tasks and more," said DSS Director Rae Alepa. "He has had the opportunity to be a part of the state-wide investment in the implementation of child welfare reform. We are very fortunate to have Patrick come aboard with his knowledge and experience within Child Welfare Services."

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