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## **Barnes-Keating Appointed Deputy Chief Administrative Officer**

FREDERICK, Md. – County Executive Jessica Fitzwater this week appointed longtime Frederick County Government employee Leslie Barnes-Keating as Deputy Chief Administrative Officer. Barnes-Keating has been serving as Acting DCAO since January 27.

“Leslie brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of helping people in our community,” County Executive Fitzwater said. “She is highly motivated and a genuinely caring person. I am confident Leslie will excel in her new role.”

Mrs. Barnes-Keating joined Frederick County Government in 1995, when she began working in the Division of Citizens Services. Through her decades of service, she has held progressively higher positions, including Director of the Office for Children and Families and Deputy Director of Family Services within the Citizens Services Division. Mrs. Barnes-Keating has been involved with the Local Management Board, Community Partnership Grants, the Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Family Partnership of Frederick County, as well as other human services initiatives.

As Deputy Director of Family Services, Mrs. Barnes-Keating provided leadership, oversight, and guidance to the County’s core family services departments, Family Partnership, Office for Children and Families, and the Child Advocacy Center. She also oversaw and directed the implementation critical emergency preparedness programs and services.

Born and raised in Frederick, Mrs. Barnes-Keating earned her Masters of Business Administration from Mount Saint Mary’s University and her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Maryland University College. Her new position takes effect June 5.



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