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DHS Policy and Planning Director One of 48 in Country Tapped for Fellowship

Marquita Little, Policy and Planning Director for the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), is among 48 policymakers from across the nation selected to be a Toll Fellow for the Class of 2014.

The Toll Fellowship Program is one of the nation's most prestigious leadership development programs for state government officials. It is sponsored annually by the Council of State Governments (CSG). The program brings policy leaders together for a six-day intellectual boot camp that features dynamic speakers,

and sessions designed to stimulate personal assessment and growth, while providing networking and relationship-building opportunities. This year's session will be held in September in Lexington, Kentucky.

"We are proud that Marquita will get this opportunity to expand and grow her leadership skills," said Janie Huddleston, DHS Deputy Director and Little's supervisor. "She has dedicated her career to serving others so I'm sure our clients will benefit from what she learns."

Little, 30, is a 2009 graduate of the Clinton School of Public Service. She completed her graduate work for the program at DHS from 2008-2009 and joined the agency full time in May 2010. She has served as the Policy and Planning Director for DHS since the summer of 2012.

"I hope to leave the fellowship with greater leadership skills, new relationships and inspiration to better serve the citizens of Arkansas," Little said. "I get excited about opportunities to learn new skills and have new experiences that strengthen my role as a public servant."



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