

Jennifer Smith –Secretary of Drug and Alcohol Programs



Jennifer (Jen) Smith was first appointed Secretary of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) in March 2018 and reappointed in April 2019 under Governor Wolf's second-term. Prior to this, she served as Deputy Secretary for DDAP.

Since assuming the role of Secretary, she has led the department's focus on strengthening Pennsylvania's drug and alcohol treatment landscape by increasing drug take-back opportunities, launching Pennsylvania's Get Help Now Hotline, and expanding access to naloxone in communities around Pennsylvania. Secretary Smith has led collaborations with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to release guidelines and protocols for "warm handoffs" that help overdose survivors transition into substance use disorder treatment, and award Pennsylvania's Coordinated Medication Assisted Treatment Centers to expand access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to uninsured, underinsured, and privately insured individuals who are suffering from the disease of addiction.

Alongside Governor Wolf and fellow Cabinet Members, Secretary Smith has worked tirelessly to ensure that fighting the opioid crisis remains a priority on the federal, state, and local levels. Under her leadership, the department has secured approximately \$108 million in federal grant funding to fight the heroin and opioid epidemic and maintains close collaboration with sister state agencies and local governments to establish innovative, nationally-recognized projects with the funding.

Secretary Smith began her career with the commonwealth in 2004 in the Office of the Budget, beginning as an accountant and eventually becoming the office's Director of Planning and Management in 2012 before beginning her tenure with DDAP.

She currently resides in Jonestown with her four children. In addition to spending time with her family, she enjoys participating as an active member of her church.