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APHSA Announces Recipient of 2022 Jerry W. Friedman
Health and Human Services Impact Award
David Hansell Named as Honoree

ARLINGTON, VA – At this year’s National Health and Human Services Summit—the first in-person Summit since 2019—the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) was honored to recognize David Hansell, current Senior Policy Advisor of Child Welfare at Casey Family Programs, and former Commissioner of New York City Administration for Children’s Services, as the recipient of the 2022 Jerry W. Friedman Health and Human Services Impact Award.

The Jerry W. Friedman Health and Human Services Impact Award was established by APHSA in 2016 in honor of Friedman, former APHSA Executive Director, and a dedicated and passionate leader whose legacy continues to be felt throughout the health and human services system. He exemplified the very aspiration he wished for all people—to be able to live to their full potential. And throughout his professional career, Friedman never let his focus drift from the end goal which was stronger and healthier families and communities.

Over the past four decades, Hansell has exemplified these same qualities. Following his early years as a public interest lawyer, he went on to serve at the state, federal, and local levels of government, as well as with the private and now philanthropic sectors, working within and across the continuum of supports in the human services field. From social and economic supports, to refugees and child welfare, Hansell has touched the lives of millions of people across the country while inspiring others to do the same.

In every position, Hansell has embodied what it means to be a steward of the public good. He has heeded the call to service in the most challenging of circumstances, whether that was an economic recession, a crisis at the border, a child welfare system in peril, or a global pandemic. With a clear line of sight on enabling the conditions for children and families to thrive, he tackles any challenge before him with grace, determination, and a commitment to getting at root causes.

As a long-standing champion of APHSA, currently serving as the Immediate Past Chair of the Executive Governing Board, Hansell helps guide the association with both his inspiring vision and ability to execute. Tracy Wareing Evans, President and CEO of APHSA, shared, “I can’t imagine navigating the past few years without David’s wise counsel and support. He is a true friend to all who encounter him and inspires us to lead boldly.”
APHSA is eternally grateful for Hansell’s leadership and impact on the field and those it serves.

The **2022 APHSA National Health and Human Services Summit** took place June 12-15 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA.

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The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) is a bipartisan national membership association representing state and local health and human services agencies and the subject matter experts that help execute their mission to improve outcomes for people nationwide. Building on their long-standing relationships with health and human services leaders, APHSA focuses on generating pragmatic solutions that advance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

APHSA connects its members to national policymakers and human-serving organizations across a wide circle of stakeholders in the health and human services sector, as well as key partners in education, housing, employment, and others. They also help members build more capacity for their teams through access to professional education and development conferences, technical expertise, publications, and their Organizational Effectiveness practice. To learn more about APHSA, please visit [www.aphsa.org](http://www.aphsa.org).