



Reginald F. Wells was named Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Office of Human Resources effective July 15, 2002 after serving short tenures as Deputy Associate Commissioner for Disability Program Policy and Senior Advisor in the Office of Disability and Income Security Programs. Dr. Wells also serves as the Chief Human Capital Officer and Chief Diversity Office for SSA, as well as the Chair of the Baltimore Federal Executive Board. In his capacity as Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources, Dr. Wells oversees a staff complement of 368 employees with an operating budget of \$130 million.

Dr. Wells served as Deputy Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities from October 1994 to April 2002. He shared with the Commissioner full responsibility for planning and directing 25 federal staff and programmatic activities, including the University Centers, Developmental Disabilities Councils, Protection and Advocacy Systems and Projects of National Significance with a program budget of over \$122 million.

From October 1997 to May 1998, Dr. Wells served as the Acting Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities in the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

Prior to his appointment in the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, Dr. Wells had 10 years of extensive public sector experience with the District of Columbia's (D.C.) Department of Human Services. During his tenure, he served as both Deputy Commissioner and Acting Commissioner for the D.C. Commission on Social Services. The Commission on Social Services had a staff complement of 2,600 employees and an operating budget of \$450 million to offer a broad array of social services, including services for people with developmental disabilities; child welfare services; juvenile justice services; emergency shelter; vocational rehabilitation; Aid to Families with Dependent Children and JOBS.

Previously, Dr. Wells managed Essex County's New Jersey long term care/geriatrics facility; was instrumental in operating the 1,100 bed psychiatric hospital; monitored and evaluated citizen services; and worked as a research associate for the National Center on Black Aged.

Throughout his career, Dr. Wells has received many awards and recognitions. These include the 2011 Chief Human Capital Officer of the Year, 2010 Warner W. Stockberger Achievement Award, 2006 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executives; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Executives; the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Government of the District of Columbia; and Special Recognition Awards from the U.S. Administration on Developmental Disabilities and the D.C. Rehabilitation Services Administration.

His current and past professional and volunteer affiliations include: Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Inc.; Covenant House Washington; District of Columbia ARC; DC Developmental Disabilities Council and DC Medical Care Advisory Committee.

Dr. Wells is licensed as a nursing home administrator in New Jersey and the District of Columbia.

In 1980, Dr. Wells received a Ph.D. in Social and Organizational Psychology from Temple University in Philadelphia. He also earned his M.A. in psychology from Temple University and B.A. in psychology and sociology from American International College.