

The Department Welcomes Karen Cantou Grubbs to its Executive Team

The Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner, J. David Donahue, is pleased to announce the appointment of Karen Cantou Grubbs as Communications Chief. Cantou Grubbs will serve as the spokesperson for the Agency, keeping the media and members of the public apprised of the significant events that transpire within the Department of Correction. The Commissioner has charged Karen with the responsibility of enhancing the Department's communications effectiveness, using new technologies and improved communication methods to advance the public's understanding of the great advances being made in correctional services within the State of Indiana.

Cantou Grubbs brings 17 years of communications experience to her position as the Communications Chief for the Indiana Department of Correction. Appointed in October, 2007, as a member of the executive team, she began her career as a broadcast journalist in radio news as a reporter, News Director and on-air political commentator for the ABC affiliate in Taos, Mexico. From there, she became a television News Anchor/Reporter and Public Affairs Host for the CBS affiliate sister-stations in Roswell and in Albuquerque, New Mexico where she was the crime investigations and political affairs reporter. She broadened her career as a writer for the New Mexico Adobe Press and as a contributor for the Albuquerque Journal and contributing photographer for New Mexico Magazine and the Taos County Chamber of Commerce.

Cantou Grubbs attended both undergraduate and graduate school at the University of New Mexico where she studied Journalism and Public Administration. She is a former high school broadcast journalism instructor, Communications Director for Ski Rio, New Mexico, and Director of Marketing for Taos Pueblo Enterprises and Taos Mountain Casino. In 1994, Cantou Grubbs began operating U-Cantou, LLC which is a consulting/contract services business specializing in the areas of marketing, photography, documentary, voice and video production, sales, public and media relations primarily for educational and governmental institutions. For the past seven years, she has served as the spokesperson for the Metropolitan School District of Perry Township.

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About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.