

DHS

Thelma Britain Statement:

The Department of Humans Services is committed to continue to provide critical services to our clients, including childcare for working families. Contracts for the FY 04 year have been signed. However, as media and legislature is aware, DHS has been consistently under-funded for the past several years. While we have made great progress in reducing cost, additional funds are still necessary to continue the current level of programs. The legislature will have the opportunity to provide those funds in the upcoming session.

Governor Musgrove Statement:

I have always been committed to providing assistance to those who need help the most. The programs at DHS that lift up those who are trying to better their lives should be continued. While we have all been facing tough economic times, DHS has been working hard to take care of our people who are struggling hardest and should be funded at a level that is adequate to accomplish its mission.

Question about Gov. signing contracts:

The Governor does not sign those contracts or appropriate the funds. DHS has the contracts with the individual providers.