



ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING
 State Form 55860 (R / 10-15)
 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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 ETHICS COMMISSION

In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

Name (last) Atwell	Name (first) Aaron	Name (middle)	
Name of office or agency Indiana Department of Child Services		Job title Chief of Staff	
Address of office (number and street) 302 W Washington St., Room E306		City Indianapolis	ZIP code 46204
Office telephone number (317) 234-6910	Office e-mail address (required) aaron.atwell@dcs.in.gov		

Describe the conflict of interest:
 Mr. Atwell is the Chief of Staff and DCS. Mr. Atwell has interviewed and been offered a contingent role at The Villages of Indiana, Inc. (The Villages) that would begin sometime in August.
 The Villages has a business relationship with DCS, including active contracts.
 This disclosure is being filed in anticipation of any potential conflict.
 Mr. Atwell will be seeking a formal advisory opinion from the State Ethics Commission (SEC) as to whether he is subject to any ethics restrictions including the particular matter restriction or the mandatory cooling off period.
 This formal screen is in place until a decision is rendered by the SEC.
 This screen prohibits Mr. Atwell from working with The Villages as a DCS employee, including handling any duties which would relate to decisions or voting or matters related to these two.
 Mr. Atwell has also agreed to screen himself from assisting The Villages with any matter in which he personally and substantially has been involved in as a DCS employee.
 DCS reserves the right to revise this screen, as necessary, after the SEC issues its formal advisory opinion.
 This disclosure has been provided to DCS's Director Eric Miller on June 11, 2024.
 This disclosure complies with IC 4-2-6-9 et. seq. Please see attached screen.

Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: *(Attach additional pages as needed.)*

This screen was executed on June 6, 2024, a copy of which was sent to DCS Director Miller along with this disclosure.

AFFIRMATION

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Date signed *(month, day, year)*

06.11.24

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Aaron Atwell

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer

Date signed *(month, day, year)*

06.11.24

Printed full name of ethics officer

Rachel Russell

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST SCREEN

June 6, 2024

I. Recitals

WHEREAS, Aaron Atwell is Chief of Staff for the Indiana Department of Child Services (“DCS”); and

WHEREAS, Aaron Atwell is considering potential employment with The Villages of Indiana, Inc. (“The Villages”), a nonprofit child and family services agency, and

WHEREAS, The Villages has a business relationship with DCS, including active contracts; and

WHEREAS, as Chief of Staff for DCS, it is possible that Aaron Atwell could participate in matters in which The Villages has an interest as part of his regular job duties; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Atwell’s employment negotiations with The Villages created a potential decision and voting conflict of interest under IC 4-2-6-9 requiring disclosure and a formal screen; and

WHEREAS, pending final decision by the State Ethics Commission, Aaron Atwell is subject to the particular matter restriction (IC 4-2-6-11(a)) and cannot assist a future employer, including The Villages, with any matter he personally or substantially participated in for DCS; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Atwell may have obtained confidential information in the course of his employment at DCS and has an affirmative duty to prevent such information from disclosure and to refrain from relying on such information for the benefit of himself or future employers.

NOW THEREFORE, Aaron Atwell, Chief of Staff for DCS, for his remaining tenure with DCS, or until he discontinues employment negotiations with The Villages, agrees to in all ways follow, adhere to, and satisfy the terms of the following Conflict of Interest Screen. Aaron Atwell must adhere to terms three (3) and four (4) regarding the particular matter restriction and confidential information in perpetuity.

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST SCREEN

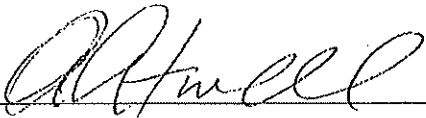
1. Aaron Atwell shall not participate in any decision or vote, or any matter related to the two, in which The Villages has a financial interest.
2. Aaron Atwell is screened from participating in any present or future contract or other matter involving The Villages.
3. Aaron Atwell shall not assist any future employers, including The Villages, with any matter he personally and substantially participated in while employed by DCS. This restriction applies in perpetuity.
4. Pursuant to IC 31-33-18 *et. seq.*, Aaron Atwell shall not disclose information classified as confidential or otherwise prohibited by this statute or any other relevant statute. This restriction applies in perpetuity.

III. EMPLOYEE AFFIRMATION

I have read and understand the terms of this foregoing Conflict of Interest Screen, and will in all ways follow, adhere to, and satisfy the above stated restrictions on my participation in any decision or vote in which The Villages has a financial interest. I understand that terms one (1) and two (2) of

this screen terminate upon my departure from DCS or the discontinuation of negotiations with The Villages, whichever occurs first. I further understand that terms three (3) and four (4) regarding particular matters and confidential information respectively, apply in perpetuity, for the life of the matter and so long as the subject information is deemed confidential. I have shared and discussed this Conflict of Interest Screen and its requirements with my supervisor, the director of DCS, Eric Miller, and arrangements have been made to cover matters involving The Villages while this screen is in place.

Executed and Agreed this 6th day of June, 2024 by:



Aaron Atwell, Chief of Staff


Indiana Department of Child Services

Executed COI Disclosure and Screen (Aaron Atwell)

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To: Miller, Eric (DCS) <Eric.Miller@dcs.IN.gov>

 2 attachments (1 MB)

AA 55860 disclosure June 2024 (2).pdf; SIGNED ANA Conflict Screen 6.6.24 (1).pdf;

Dear Director Miller,

Pursuant to the notice requirements of IC 4-2-6-9(b), please find the attached conflict disclosure and internal screen executed by DCS employee Aaron Atwell. This disclosure and screen will be signed and filed with the Indiana State Ethics Commission.

Thank you.



Rachel D. Russell | Deputy General Counsel & Ethics Officer

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