

Victoria Elridge Secretary

Victoria Elridge is the Commissioner for the Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) under the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in Kentucky and is also an occupational therapist. As a child, she was diagnosed with epilepsy which empowered her to go into the health services field. She has spent her career serving in state government or providing person-centered occupational therapy services to individuals across the lifespan.

Two weeks into her appointment as Commissioner, Kentucky had its first case of COVID-19. Commissioner Elridge has led the state in ensuring no older Kentuckian goes hungry with an unprecedented number of home delivered and senior center meals served to older Kentuckians during the pandemic. Under her leadership, in December of 2020 DAIL created the “Shot of Hope at Home” program to ensure homebound Kentuckians receive the COVID-19 vaccine. In October of 2021, the first ever statewide Office of Dementia Services was established and in August of 2022 in conjunction with the Department for Medicaid Services, launched Kentucky’s first Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) to ensure older adults have more options to receive in home care. Additionally, under Commissioner Elridge’s leadership more individuals with disabilities are able to self-direct their needs in their community. Commissioner Elridge co-chairs Kentucky’s Elder Abuse Committee and participates in the Long-Term Care Taskforce.

Commissioner Elridge is a recipient of the Ky Department of Veterans Affairs Ambassador Award and is a Kentucky Colonel.

Commissioner Elridge was born and raised in Louisville, Ky, and is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University where she holds a bachelors in Occupational Science and a Masters

in Occupational Therapy. She lives in Georgetown, Ky with her husband, Colmon, their three sons, Colmon (IV), Carter and Camden and has a daughter, Shaela, who is in the National Guard and will graduate from Morehead State University in the Spring of 2022.