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Director

John R. Baldwin | Acting Director

John Baldwin was named director of the Illinois Department of Corrections August 14, 2015, by Governor Bruce Rauner. As IDOC director, he is responsible for overseeing the management and operations of more than 35 state prisons, work camps, boot camps and transition centers as well as the supervision of parolees.

Baldwin brings more than 35 years of overall experience to the position.

He was the director of the Iowa Department of Corrections for eight years, where he oversaw a staff of nearly 4,000 officers and an offender population of 38,000. During his tenure, Baldwin worked with the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative to build a state-specific cost-benefit analysis on the state's corrections department. The data was used to make more informed policy and budget decisions in an effort to reduce recidivism.

Baldwin began working for the Iowa Department of Corrections in 1983. In addition to his leadership as director, he served as the deputy director of Administration where he oversaw a number of areas including the budget, personnel, and evidence-based practices. Prior to that, he supervised the business office for a forensic psychiatric hospital that was under the control of the Iowa Department of Corrections.

Baldwin holds a master's degree in political science from Iowa State University and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Iowa.



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