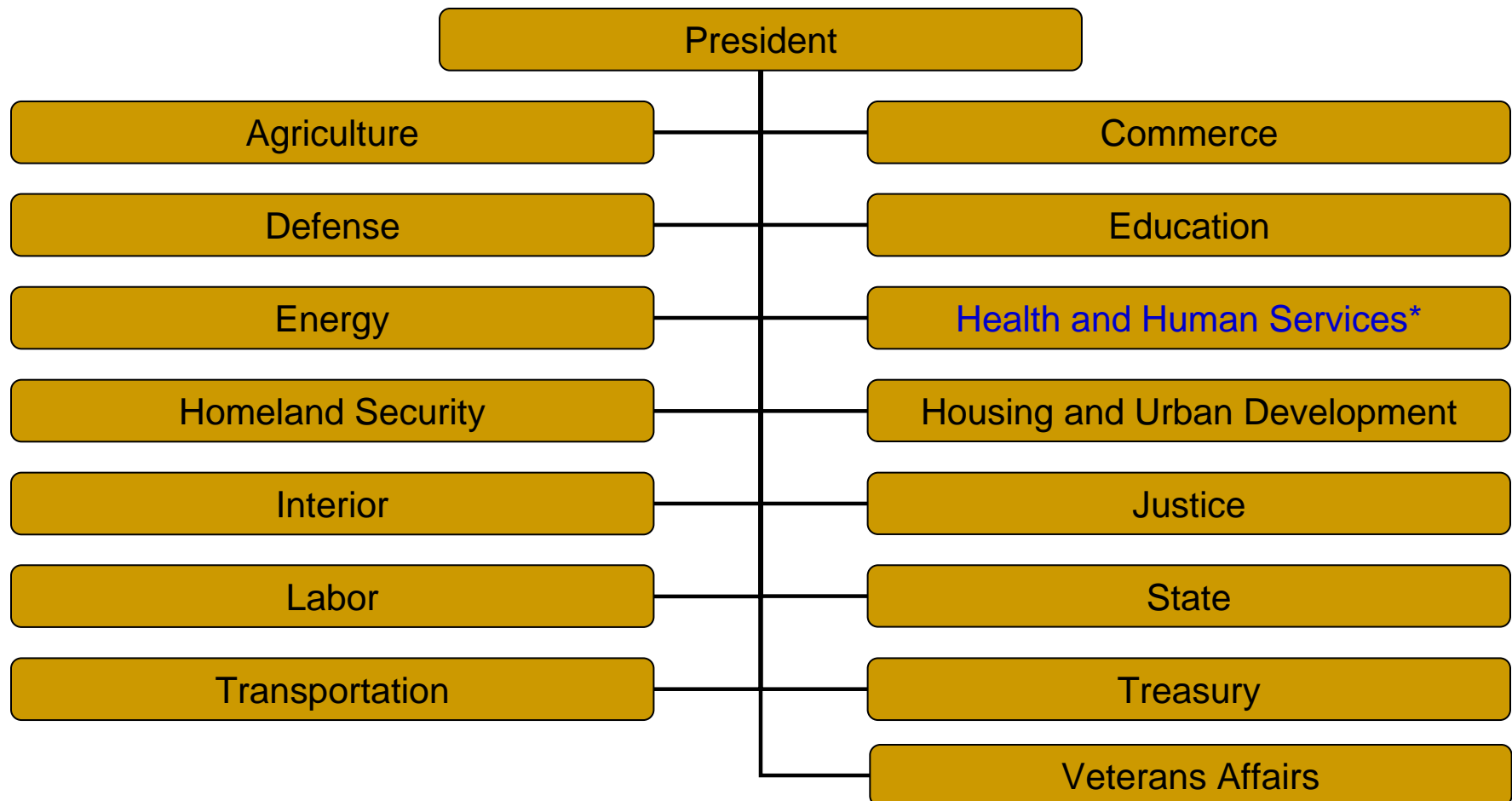

Where You Fit

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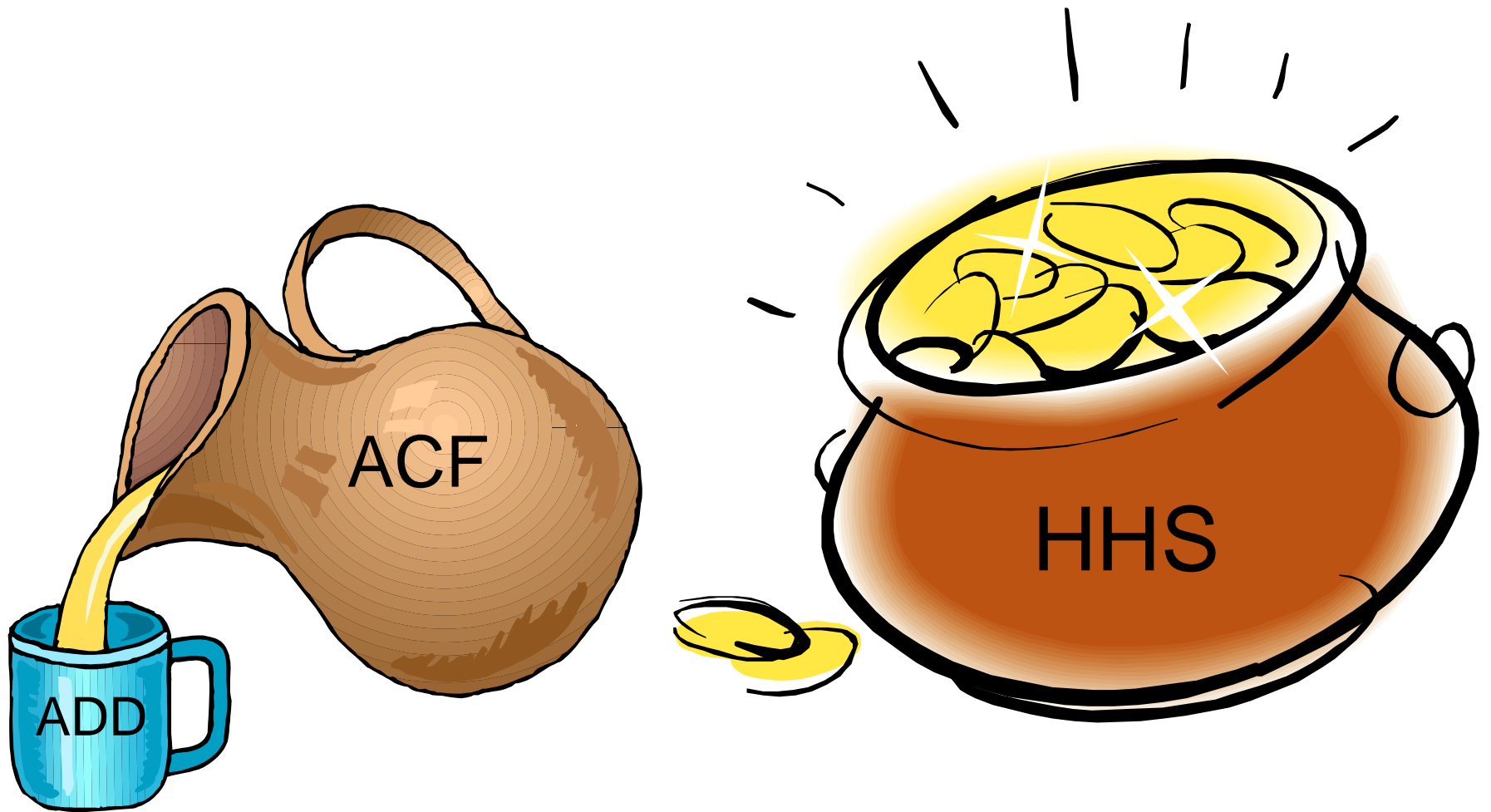
The Big Picture – Departments



Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD)

- ADD is the Federal agency that is in charge of the programs shown in the DD Act
 - ADD is part of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
 - ACF pays for many grant programs such as Head Start and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, which helps poor families)
 - ACF is part of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
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In Plain View



Looks Can Be Deceiving

- Though ADD seems small compared to other agencies, we have a big job
 - 57 Protection & Advocacy Agencies
 - 55 Councils on Developmental Disabilities
 - 64 University Centers
 - 21 Family Support 360 Centers
 - 15 Youth Centers
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Types of Organizations

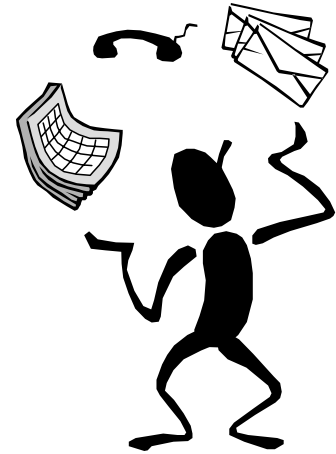
- P&A – School to Work (WA)
 - Council – Youth Empowerment Alliance (MD)
 - University Center – SLAYD (CA), LEAD (DE), A4A (NC)
 - Higher Education – CEL (CA), OKAY (OK), NYIC (OR)*
 - Community Organization – NCLD-Youth (DC)*, DC Self-Advocacy Empowerment Center (DC), YIELD (IL), Pathways (MN), KASA (NM)*, El Poder de los Jovenes (NM)
 - State Agency – SALYD (IA)
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All Centers Should

- Have an advisory committee
 - Work with three areas of emphasis (child care, employment, education, health, housing, recreation, transportation, quality assurance)
 - Train (including self-advocacy and leadership)
 - Share information
 - Use youth friendly materials (including web-based materials)
 - Focus on unserved and underserved
 - Partner with other groups
 - Offer employment by the project
 - Have skill building activities
 - Let youth participate in community events and activities
 - Offer mentoring opportunities
 - Follow what is said in the Americans with Disabilities Act
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Why We Are Here

- To help each other reach goals
- To learn from each other
- To share information
- To gain skills



Next Steps

- Overview of Agenda
- Housekeeping



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