

216A.146 Duties.

The commission shall do all of the following:

1. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist African-Americans. Clearinghouse duties shall include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Service as a referral agency to assist African- Americans in securing access to state agencies and programs.
 - b. Service as a liaison with federal, state, and local governmental units and private organizations on matters relating to African-Americans.
 - c. Service as a communications conduit to state government for African-American organizations in the state.
 - d. Stimulation of public awareness of the problems of African-Americans.
2. Conduct conferences and training programs for African-Americans, public and private agencies and organizations, and the general public.
3. Coordinate, assist, and cooperate with public and private agencies in efforts to expand equal rights and opportunities for African-Americans in the areas of: employment, economic development, education, health, housing, recreation, social welfare, social services, and the legal system.
4. Serve as the central permanent agency for the advocacy of services for African-Americans.
5. Provide assistance to and cooperate with individuals and public and private agencies and organizations in joint efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the improvement of the status of African-Americans.
6. Publish and disseminate information relating to African-Americans, including publicizing their accomplishments and contributions to this state.
7. Evaluate existing and proposed programs and legislation for their impact on African-Americans.
8. Coordinate or conduct training programs for African-Americans to enable them to assume leadership positions.
9. Conduct surveys of African-Americans to ascertain their needs.
10. Assist the department of administrative services in the elimination of underutilization of African-Americans in the state's workforce.
11. Recommend legislation to the governor and the general assembly designed to improve the educational opportunities and the economic and social conditions of African-Americans in this state.

88 Acts, ch 1201, §6

C89, § 601K.146

91 Acts, ch 50, § 6

C93, § 216A.146

2003 Acts, ch 145, §286

