



State of Iowa

Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 21

WHEREAS, no resource in the State of Iowa is more valuable than our children; and

WHEREAS, the first five years of life are crucial to future growth and development of an individual; and

WHEREAS, the state must make the most effective use of the many public and private programs in existence to help that development and strengthen the family unit;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT D. RAY, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of Iowa, do hereby create and establish the voluntary Iowa Council for Children which will be responsible to the Governor.

The Iowa Council for Children shall promote the effective use of public and private resources to provide maximum opportunities for each child to reach his or her full potential. To reach this goal, the Council shall determine priority issues for programs which it considers most important and most in need of development and shall provide the following services:

1. INVENTORY - The Council shall consult with state and local agencies and organizations concerning programs for children and parents, gather information regarding those programs, and develop an information center for use by state and local agencies, private groups, and the public.
2. COMMUNICATION - The Council shall aid in the facilitation of communication among state and local agencies, private organizations and the public. It will develop methods to inform the public of available resources for parents and children and provide assistance toward appropriate use thereof.
3. STIMULATION - The Council will work with providers and recipients of resources at all levels for the improvement and further development of needed programs such as parent education, staff training, child abuse, foster care and others.

ORGANIZATION

The Iowa Council for Children shall initially be composed of five to seven members and shall include parents and representatives of various races and socio-economic levels. An additional three members shall sit on the Council, one each being appointed to represent the Department of Social Services, the Department of Health and the Department of Public Instruction. Members shall be appointed for beginning one-year terms and may be reappointed. Initial appointments and the naming of the chairperson shall be made by the Governor and all appointees will serve at the discretion of the Governor.. This Council shall continue in effect for two years beginning June 1, 1976, or until other direction by the Governor.



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IMPLEMENTATION

To help the Iowa Council for Children carry out its functions, a coordinator will be designated by and serve at the discretion of the Governor. The Coordinator shall have the responsibility for implementation of this Order under the direction of the Council and shall have the authority to retain and utilize staff available to execute the intent of this Order. Annual funding as available shall be provided for implementation of this Order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this twenty-first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six.

S/Robert D. Ray
GOVERNOR

S/Melvin D. Synhorst
SECRETARY OF STATE