



State of Iowa

Executive Department

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY-ONE

- WHEREAS, no resource in the State of Iowa is more valuable than our children; and
- WHEREAS, the early years of life are crucial to future growth and development of an individual; and
- WHEREAS, the State feels that the family, as the major influence on a child's life, should be preserved and strengthened; and
- WHEREAS, the State must make the most effective use of the many public and private programs in existence to help the development and the strengthening of the family unit; and
- WHEREAS, the Iowa Council for Children, since it was created in 1976, has proven to be an effective agent in providing factual information, improving access to existing services and advocating additional needed programs for families and for the benefit of their children;
- 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 renew the mandate of 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.

MOTIVATION - 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, to be continued as herein provided, shall be composed of up to seven members and shall include parents and representatives of various races and socio-economic levels. An additional four members shall sit on the Council, one each being appointed to represent the Department of Social Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Public Instruction, and the Board of Regents. Members shall be appointed for one-year terms and may be reappointed. 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 until June 30, 1980, or until other direction by the Governor.

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 2nd day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight.



Robert D. Ray
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

William O. Byham
SECRETARY OF STATE