

Thirty percent or more of the housing units provided directly or indirectly by the authority in any three-year period must be for benefit of very low-income families, elderly families or families with one or more persons who are handicapped or disabled.

The 68th General Assembly, in 1980, created the Iowa Family Farm Development Authority, to assist eligible Iowans who engage in farming or wish to engage in farming in purchasing agricultural land, agricultural improvements and depreciable property. Under Code Chapter 175, the executive director of the Iowa Housing Finance Authority is also the executive director of the Iowa Family Farm Development Authority.

The 69th General Assembly in 1981, created the Iowa Small Business Loan Program by enactment of H.F. 2464, to assist in the development and expansion of small business in Iowa, through the sale, by the Iowa Housing Finance Authority, of tax-exempt bonds and notes. The program is assigned to the authority, with an initial bonding authority of \$50 million.

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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The Department of Social Services was renamed the Department of Human Services in July, 1983 according to legislative mandate. Human Services retained responsibility for many of the same services which the Department of Social Services administered including economic and medical assistance, protective services for children and adults, and services to the mentally ill, mentally retarded, and developmentally disabled. Administrative responsibility for prisons, community corrections and prison manufacturing was transferred from Human Services to a separate Department of Corrections.

A seven-member Council on Human Services, appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, serves in a policy-making capacity for all department services, and in an advisory capacity to the governor and the commissioner. The commissioner is the chief executive of the department and is responsible for the administration of department programs and services. The commissioner is appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and serves at the pleasure of the governor.

The department's central organizational structure is composed of the Office of the Commissioner and seven divisions: Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities, Social Services, Community Services, Management and Budget, Organizational Planning, the Inspector General and the Iowa Veterans Home. The commissioner and division directors serve as the cabinet of the department. Human Services employs approximately 8,000 people in its local offices, institutions and central office.

Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

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This division was established on Jan. 1, 1982, by combining the former Division of Mental Health Resources, the Iowa Mental Health Authority, the Developmental Disabilities program staff and the State Mental Health Advisory Council. Two policy bodies advise the director (in addition to the Council on Social Services): the 15-member Mental Health and Mental Retardation Commission and the 24-member Developmental Disabilities Council.

The division is responsible for administration of the Mental Health Institutes at Cherokee, Clarinda, Independence and Mount Pleasant, and the Hospital-Schools at Glenwood and Woodward. Other responsibilities include development, funding and monitoring of community mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities services. The division is also responsible for statewide mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities planning.