

Status of Women, Iowa Commission on the

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The commission was established by statute in 1972. Nine citizen members are appointed by the governor and four non-voting legislative members serve ex officio.

Its principal function is to study the changing needs and problems of the women of Iowa, and to develop and recommend new programs and constructive action to the governor and the General Assembly.

The commission is also mandated to:

1. Serve as a clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist women.
2. Conduct conferences.
3. Cooperate with governmental agencies to assist them in equalizing opportunities between men and women in employment and in expanding women's rights and opportunities.
4. Serve as the central permanent agency for the development of services for women.
5. Cooperate with public and private agencies in joint efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the status of women.
6. Publish and disseminate information relating to women and develop other educational programs.
7. Provide assistance to organized efforts by communities, organizations, associations, and other groups working toward the improvement of women's status.

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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The Department of Human Services (DHS) is responsible for economic and medical assistance, refugee programs, protective services for children and adults, and services to the mentally ill, mentally retarded, and developmentally disabled.

The department's central organization structure is divided into two components—service and administration. The deputy director of services oversees the divisions of Economic Assistance, Adult/Children/Family Services, Medical Services, Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities, Policy Coordination, the Office of Field Support and DHS field operations. The deputy director for Administration oversees the Divisions of Support Services, Data Management, Fiscal Management, and the Office of Program Evaluation. Reporting to the director are the Office of Communication, the Iowa Veteran's Home, and the two deputies. The director, deputies, division administrators, Office of Communications, and Office of Field Support serve as the cabinet of the department. Human Services employs approximately 7,500 people in its local offices, institutions, and central office.

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 director. The director is the chief executive of the department, and is responsible for the administration of department programs and services. The director is appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and serves at the pleasure of the governor.