

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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The Department of Human Services is responsible for administering welfare (the Family Investment Program); food stamps; surplus food distribution; Medicaid; child support enforcement; adoption; foster care; various family strengthening and preservation programs; child care registration, licensing and funding; child abuse assessments; dependent adult abuse assessments; adolescent pregnancy prevention; two institutions for juveniles; refugee services; and services for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled, including the operation of four mental health institutions and two institutions for people with mental retardation

The department's central office is divided into service and administration. The deputy director of services oversees the Divisions of Economic Assistance, Adult/Children/Family Services, Medical Services, Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities, Policy Coordination, the Office of the Field Support and DHS field operations. The deputy director for administration oversees the Divisions of Support Services; Data Management; Fiscal Management; and the Organization, Development and Support Unit. Reporting to the DHS director are the two deputies and the public information officer. The director, deputies, division administrators, and the chief of the Office of Field Support, legislative liaison and public information officer serve as the cabinet of the department. Human Services employs 5,500 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.

Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council - *Becky Harker, executive director;*
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BOB BACON, Iowa University Affiliated Program, Iowa City; term expires 2001; ROGER CHAPMAN, Department of Public Health, Des Moines; term expires 1999; JILL DAVISSON, Clinton county Board of Supervisors, Calamus; term expires 1999; LINDA HALEY, Western IA Technical Comm. College, Sioux City; term expires 1999; MARY HARTLE-SMITH, Consumer, Bettendorf; term expires 1999; ED JOHNSTON, Consumer, Humboldt; term expires 1999; DWIGHT CARLSON, Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation, Des Moines; term expires 2000; SUE LAMBERT, Parent, Davenport; term expires 2001; PAULA MCPHAIL, Sioux City; term expires 2000; MICHELLE POTTS, Victor; term expires 2000; ANN RILEY, Handicare, Inc., Coralville; term expires 1999; KEITH RUFF, Consumer, Iowa City; term expires 1999; ELIZABETH SCHOFIELD, Parent, Clinton; term expires 2001; CURT SYTSMA, Iowa Protection and Advocacy, Inc., Des Moines; term expires 2001; MIKE DAVIS, Dept. of Human Services, Des Moines; term expires 2000; JOHN TENPAS, Comm. for Persons with Disabilities, Des Moines; term expires 2000; DEE ANN WILSON, Department of Education, Des Moines; term expires 2000; ED WINFREY, Sioux City; term expires 2000; MARY ANN YOUNG, Department of Elder Affairs, Des Moines; term expires 2000

The Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council for the state of Iowa is established under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 1996, Public Law 104-183. The purpose of the law is to assure that people with developmental disabilities and their families help design and have access to necessary services, supports, and other assistance.