

ELDER AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF

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SEN. NORMAN GOODWIN, DeWitt; term expires 1989

GLEN E. HAYDON, Mason City; term expires 1987.

ESTHER HUBBARTT, Bloomfield; term expires 1989.

SEN. EMIL HUSAK, Toledo; term expires 1987

GEORGE STRAIT, Iowa City; term expires 1987

REP. AL STURGEON, Sioux City; term expires 1987

MARGARET TINSMAN, Bettendorf; term expires 1987

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The Department of Elder Affairs was first created as the Commission on the Aging by the 61st General Assembly. In 1986 the responsibilities of the Commission were included in the duties of the Department of Elder Affairs. The Department was established under the "Elder Iowans' Act," which sets forth the state's commitment to its elders and their dignity, independence and rights. The Department is an advocate for elder Iowans and is responsible for developing a comprehensive and coordinated system of services and activities for older people. Within the Department is a long-term care coordinating unit with responsibility for developing a long-term care plan for Iowa.

An eleven-member Commission is a policy making body with seven members appointed by the governor, two by the House and two by the Senate for four-year terms. The governor appoints an executive director subject to confirmation by the senate.

The basic concerns of the Department include income, health, housing, educational opportunities, employment, transportation, nutrition, volunteer opportunities, recreational activities, spiritual well-being and community involvement in the problems of older Iowans.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF

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The Iowa Department of Employment Services (DES) is composed of three divisions — Job Service, Labor Services and Industrial Services — each of which is headed by a commissioner who reports directly to the DES director. DES services include job placement, job training, job insurance, worker's compensation, workplace safety and labor standards. The three divisions are served by the Bureau of Staff Services, the Bureau of Administrative Services and the Legal and Appeals Section. Support functions within the Staff Services Bureau are provided by Public Relations, Employee Services, Audit and Analysis, and Legislative/Actuarial. Administrative Services manages DES budgeting, procurement, accounting, fiscal responsibilities and the agency's computer facilities.

Division of Job Service

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The Division of Job Service is responsible for the operation of more than 70 Job Service offices throughout Iowa. Services provided by these offices include assisting employers in obtaining workers and assisting people in obtaining work or training for which they are qualified. Toward this goal, Job Service provides related services of job counseling, vocational testing, job training assistance and special services to veterans, handicapped, youth, older workers and equal employment opportunity for minorities. Modern techniques such as Job Search Assistance, computerized Job Bank and self-service Job Information Centers are utilized. During federal fiscal year 1985, Job Service placed 77,400 Iowans in jobs.

Job Service also administers the Job Insurance laws and regulations. The purpose of Job Insurance is to partially compensate for wages lost by workers who are involuntarily unemployed. Job Insurance benefits are made possible by a tax paid