

Vocational Education Council, State

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WAYNE ASPHOLM, Manson; term expires 1993
 CAROL GARVIS, Griswold; term expires 1993
 COLLEEN HUNT, Elliott; term expires 1992
 SHIRLEY PECKOSH, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1993
 MARTHA QUINT LAWRENCE, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1992
 VICKI REUCKERT, Storm Lake; term expires 1992
 CARL ROLF, Sheldon; term expires 1993
 GWEN RUBENOW, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1992
 ROBERT SAF, Des Moines; term expires 1992
 DON SCHUETTPELZ, Marion; term expires 1991
 CHARLES STORK, Dyersville; term expires 1991
 CHRIS WASS, West Des Moines; term expires 1991
 LOIS WEIHE; Davenport; term expires 1993

The State Council on Vocational Education was created by the 63rd General Assembly in 1969. This council advises the State Board of Education on the development and administration of the state plan for vocational education. It conducts a biennial evaluation of vocational education. At least one public hearing is conducted annually.

ELDER AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF

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ALYCE M. ELMITT, Des Moines, 1993
 VENNETTA M. FIEDLER, Spencer; term expires 1992
 EDWIN GANTZ, Albia, 1993
 HERBERT HAAS, Oelwein; term expires 1991
 CLEMMIE HIGHTOWER, Clinton; term expires 1993
 SEN. EMIL HUSAK, Toledo; term expires 1991
 REP. RUHL MAULSBY, Rockwell City; term expires 1993
 MARGUERITE STOCKSTAD, Dunlap; term expires 1992
 GEORGE STRAIT, Iowa City; term expires 1991
 ELMER H. VERMEER, Sioux Center; term expires 1991

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 through 13 designated area agencies on aging across the state. 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 the policy-making body with seven members appointed by the governor, two by the House and two by the Senate for four-year terms. The commission designates the area agencies on aging and approves and monitors the area plans for the elderly. 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, DEPARTMENT OF

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The Iowa Department of Employment Services (DES) is dedicated to achieving a prosperous Iowa economy by providing services designed to increase the productivity and safety of Iowa's workforce and workplace. DES responsibilities include protecting workers, assisting the unemployed and helping communities and employers respond to workplace dynamics.

The department's Division of Industrial Services informs the public regarding rights under workers' compensation, occupational disease and hearing loss laws, monitors