

The Commission of Persons with Disabilities (formerly Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped) operates as a division of the Iowa Department of Human Rights. The commission is composed of 24 members and eight ex-officio members who are in charge of other state agencies interested in employment for disabled persons.

Members of the commission include disabled persons as well as representatives from industry, labor, business, agriculture, federal, state and local government and representatives of religious, charitable, fraternal, civic, educational, medical, legal, veteran, welfare, women's and other professional groups and organizations.

Members of the commission are appointed for a term of two years and may be reappointed when their terms expire.

The commission is charged with cooperating with all public and private agencies interested in employment of disabled persons and with encouraging and assisting in the organization of committees at the community level.

The members work closely in developing employer acceptance of qualified workers with disabilities and informing individuals with disabilities of specific facilities available in seeking employment.

Spanish Speaking Peoples Commission

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ALFREDO BENAVIDEZ, Iowa City; term expires 1987
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 RUDOLPH T. JUAREZ, Muscatine; term expires 1987
 FLORENCE KELLER, Council Bluffs; term expires 1987
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 JOHN SERRANO, JR., Davenport; term expires 1987

In 1976, the Spanish Speaking Peoples Commission was created by the General Assembly, to act as an advocacy and advisory agency for Spanish-speaking Iowans in certain areas of concern, including education, employment, health, housing, administration of justice, welfare and recreation.

The nine member commission appointed by the governor, sets policy and direction for the staff. As of July 1, 1986, the staff support for the commission is provided by the Division for Spanish Speaking People, part of the Department of Human Rights. The division administrator is appointed by the governor with Senate confirmation. Its mandate set forth in chapter 16, Code of Iowa, 1977, was amended, assigning additional responsibilities for recommending interpreters for use by Iowa courts.

Status of Women, Iowa Commission on the

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PATRICIA L. GEADELMANN, chair, Cedar Falls; term expires 1988
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 NAOMI CHRISTENSEN, Hastings; term expires 1988
 CELESTINE DEVINE, Corwith; term expires 1988
 DONNA FURLEIGH, Clear Lake; term expires 1988
 MILDRED I. FREEL, Iowa City; term expires 1990
 NANCY R. HAUSERMAN, Iowa City; term expires 1990
 RUTH I. HOLTON, Forest City; term expires 1990
 EUNICE KUYPER, Knoxville; term expires 1988
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 DARWIN T. LYNNER, Des Moines; term expires 1990
 MIGNON MANELLI, Ames; term expires 1990
 GRETta MERKLEY, Des Moines; term expires 1988
 JAMES MIDDLESWART, Indianola; term expires 1988
 MARY JEAN MONTGOMERY, Spencer; term expires 1988