

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.

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill Of Rights Act mandates that one-half of the membership be persons with developmental disabilities or family members of individuals with developmental disabilities. The remainder of the membership consists of representatives of principal state agencies, local and non-governmental agencies as well as private, nonprofit groups concerned with the development, administration, and delivery of support and services to individuals with development disabilities. Members are appointed by the governor and serve three-year terms.

The Council is to promote, through systemic change, capacity building and advocacy, a coordinated system of culturally competent support and services that provide opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to be independent, productive, integrated, and included in their communities.

The responsibilities of the Council include: advocating for support and services that enhance the potential for increased independence, productivity and integration of individuals with developmental disabilities; developing the state plan for the developmental disabilities program in Iowa; administering the federal grant, which is allocated to Iowa from the Federal Administration on Developmental Disabilities on an annual basis; coordinating activities with the Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Commission; reviewing all plans of state agencies that serve individuals with developmental disabilities; being a source of information for the governor, the legislature, and agencies on matters related to any developmental disabilities program in Iowa; and submitting an annual report to the commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities that summarizes all activities related to the developmental disabilities program in Iowa.

The Council is located administratively in the Department of Human Services, which is its designated state agency.

Adult, Children, Family Services, Division of -*Mary Nelson, administrator; Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-5521*

The Division of Adult, Children and Family Services administers an array of services designed to support and protect children, dependent adults, and families in their own homes or communities whenever possible; and to ensure that they receive the most appropriate care in the least restrictive setting.

Specific services for children and families include child care, child protective investigations, and treatment, family-centered services, family preservation, family foster care, group care, shelter care, independent living, permanency planning, adoption, and family planning. The division also administers child abuse prevention and teen pregnancy prevention grants; the child welfare decategorization projects; and licensing/approval/certification standards for day care, family foster care, group care, shelter care, detention, child placing agencies, and certified adoption investigators. In addition, the division administers the two state juvenile institutions at Eldora and Toledo.

The division also administers the Interstate Compacts on the Placement of Children and Juveniles; the Title IV-B (child welfare) and IV-E (foster care) state plans; funding for services ordered by the Juvenile Court under section 232.141 as well as the juvenile justice programs of tracking and monitoring, school-based supervision, community-based treatment and life skills training; and DHS' role in Iowa's Early Intervention Services to Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program.

The division also manages the adult protective services program and administrative rules for various community-based services.

Economic Assistance Division -*Deb Bingaman, administrator; Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-8629*

This division is responsible for Iowa's welfare reform policy and program development and administration of public assistance services for low-income Iowans, including both financial assistance and services designed to promote self-sufficiency. Key programs and services include the Family Investment Program (formerly AFDC), Food Stamps, Emergency Assistance, PROMISE JOBS, Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS), Independent Development Accounts, Entrepreneurial Training and the Office for Homelessness.

Division of Medical Services (Medicaid) - *Donald Herman, administrator; Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-8794*

This division is responsible for the Medicaid Program (Title XIX), which provides quality,