

## **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

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ARLENE DAYHOFF, chair, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1997  
 DENNIS KILLION, vice chair, Red Oak, term expires 2001  
 RICHARD S. BURCHETT, Harlan; term expires 1999  
 DIANNE DETHMERS PACA, Garner; term expires 1999  
 GREGG R. NARBER, Des Moines; term expires 2001  
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 CATHERINE WILLIAMS, Des Moines, term expires 1999

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is responsible for economic and medical assistance, refugee programs, protective services for children and adults, and services to the mentally ill, mentally retarded, and developmentally disabled.

The department's central organization structure is divided into two components-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 Office of Program Evaluation. Reporting to the director are the Office of Communications, and the two deputies. The director, deputies, division administrators, Office of Communications, and Office of Field Support serve as the cabinet of the department. Human Services employees 5,800 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 Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities**

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KEITH RUFF, chair, consumer, New London; term expires 1996  
 FRANCES BRUNKAN, parent, Dyersville; term expires 1996  
 ROGER CHAPMAN, Department of Public Health, Des Moines; term expires 1996  
 CHERIE CLARK, consumer, Bertram; term expires 1996  
 LINDA DESROSIERS, consumer, Council Bluffs; term expires 1996  
 DAVID GREIMANN, consumer, Ankeny; term expires 1996  
 LINDA HALEY, Western IA Tech. Community College, Sioux City; term expires 1996  
 MURLEAN HALL, consumer, Des Moines; term expires 1997  
 AL HEALY, Iowa University Affiliated Program, Iowa City; term expires 1995  
 BARBARA HOLTHE, Loess Hills Area Ed. Agency, Logan; term expires 1995  
 MARGE KNUDSEN, Division of Vocational Rehab., Des Moines; term expires 1997  
 STEVE MAURER, Bureau of Special Education, Des Moines; term expires 1997  
 PAMELA J. PARKER, parent, Des Moines; term expires 1995  
 LORI PETERSON, consumer, New London; term expires 1996  
 ANN RILEY, Handicare, Inc., Coralville; term expires 1996  
 MERV ROTH, Iowa Protection and Advocacy, Inc., Des Moines; term expires 1995  
 CAROLE SAGE, parent, Charles City; term expires 1995  
 RAYMOND STEFFY, parent, Clarion; term expires 1996  
 AL TAKEMOTO, parent, Bettendorf; term expires 1996  
 HAROLD TEMPLEMAN, DHS, Des Moines; term expires 1997  
 JOHN TENPAS, Department of Human Rights, Des Moines; term expires 1997  
 MARY ANN YOUNG, Department of Elder Affairs, Des Moines; term expires 1997

The Governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities for the state of Iowa is established under the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act of 1990, public law 103.230. The Developmental Disabilities 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 services and supports to persons with development disabilities. Members serve three-year terms.

The responsibilities of the DD council include: developing the state plan for the developmental disabilities program in Iowa; administering the federal grant, which is allocated to Iowa from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities on an annual basis; coordinate activities with the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Commission; reviewing all plans of state agencies that serve persons with developmental disabilities; being a source of information for the governor, the legislature, and the director of the DHS on matters related to the developmental disabilities program in Iowa; 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; and most importantly, advocacy for services and supports that enhance the potential for increased independence, productivity and integration of persons with developmental disabilities.

#### **Adult, Children, Family Services, Division of**

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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 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-A, IV-B and IV- E 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 Infants and Toddler Program.

The Commission on Children, Youth and Families is also housed administratively within the division. Commission members represent various state agencies, the legislature, and private citizens appointed by the governor. The Commission is charged to promote coordination of services, to serve in an advisory capacity to help plan services for children and families, and to provide information to parents to assist them in parenting.

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

#### **Economic Assistance Division**

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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.

#### **Medical Services Division**

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This division is responsible for the Medicaid Program (Title XIX) which covers medical and health care costs for needy persons residing in medical institutions, persons receiving financial assistance, or individuals eligible for services such as foster care. The division also administers the State Supplementary Assistance program for those receiving arrangements such as residential care facilities.