

The commission is also mandated to:

1. Serve as a clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist women.
2. Conduct conferences.
3. Cooperate with governmental agencies to assist them in equalizing opportunities between men and women in employment and in expanding women's rights and opportunities.
4. Serve as the central permanent agency for the development of services for women.
5. Cooperate with public and private agencies in joint efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the status of women.
6. Publish and disseminate information relating to women and develop other educational programs.
7. Provide assistance to organized efforts by communities, organizations, associations, and other groups working toward the improvement of women's status.

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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DENNIS KILLION, chair, Red Oak; term expires 2001
 DIANNE DETHMERS PACA, vice chair, Garner; term expires 1999
 RICHARD S. BURCHETT, Harlan; term expires 1999
 MARGARET "PEG" GUHIN, Bettendorf; term expires 1997
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 ALERT G. SORENSEN, Boone; term expires 1999
 RUSSELL T. SPORER, Ottumwa; term expires 2001

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 Continuous Quality Initiatives 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 Service 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

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BOB BACON, Iowa University Affiliated Program, Iowa City; term expires 1998
 ROGER CHAPMAN, Department of Public Health, Des Moines; term expires 1999
 JILL DAVISSON, Clinton county Board of Supervisors, Calamus; term expires 1999

GLENDA FARRIER, Cass, Incorporated, Atlantic; term expires 1999
 MARLAND GAMMON, Consumer, Glenwood; term expires 1999
 MARLIN GEISLER, Parent, Gowrie; term expires 1998
 DAVID GREIMANN, consumer, Ankeny; 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
 MARGE KNUDSEN, Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation, Des Moines; term expires 2000
 SUE LAMBERT, Parent, Davenport; term expires 1999
 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 1998
 RAYMOND STEFFY, parent, Clarion; term expires 1998
 CURT SYTSMA, Iowa Protection and Advocacy, Inc., Des Moines; term expires 1998
 HAROLD TEMPLEMAN, 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 supports 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 supports 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 supports 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

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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