

EXECUTIVE ORDER 91-7 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION FOR CHILDREN COMMISSION; RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 90-1

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the future of Minnesota rests on the well-being of our children and families; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's children and families deserve the best support that we in government, business, education, and the non-profit community can offer; and

WHEREAS, too many of our children are at risk, their basic physical and emotional needs unmet, and their development impaired; and

WHEREAS, children and families benefit most from services that are comprehensive, integrated, client-centered, and community-based; and

WHEREAS, prevention of problems is better than treatment and correction; and

WHEREAS, a fundamental reshaping of services for children and families is long overdue; and,

WHEREAS, a partnership of government, business, education and the non-profit community is urgently needed to develop and implement a comprehensive action plan for Minnesota's children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that the Governor's Action for Children Commission be established.

- 1. The Commission shall advise the Governor on policy issues concerning the well-being of children and families.
- 2. The Commission shall have up to 25 members, appointed by the Governor. Members shall be persons in leadership positions who have a demonstrated commitment to children and family issues. The Governor or his designee shall chair the Commission and may choose another member to serve as co-chair.
- 3. The Commission shall develop an aggressive action plan on how parents, government, business, education, the non-profit community, and others will meet the needs of Minnesota's children and families. The Commission shall look at ways to reshape current services. The Commission shall:
 - (a) Create a new vision for Minnesota's children and families;
 - (b) Develop and recommend strategies to improve opportunities for all children to reach their full potential;

- (c) Develop and recommend measures by which to assess yearly progress;
- (d) Recommend changes in the service delivery system that will provide more effective, higher quality, "user friendly" services to those who need them; and
- (e) Create and foster a public dialogue to highlight children's needs and the importance of meeting those needs.
- 4. The Commission shall form working committees of members and non-members to carry out its activities. Working committees shall support the Commission through fact-finding, examining issues, and formulating recommendations for action. Working committees shall be composed of persons with knowledge and familiarity in specific issue areas that relate to the Commission's goals.
- 5. The Commission may be staffed by persons on loan from state agencies or other organizations. In addition, the Commission may hire staff. State agencies shall assist the Commission in carrying out its work.
- 6. The Commission may solicit funds from private sources to support its work. Funds received by the Commission shall, upon acceptance by the State Treasurer and Commissioner of Finance pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1990, Chapter 7, become the property of the State of Minnesota. Such funds shall be subject to all standard state accounting policies and procedures and shall further be subject to all appropriate auditing requirements and mechanisms.

7. No more than 15 Commission members may be reimbursed for expenses as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1990, Section 15.0593.

Executive Order 90-1 is rescinded.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1990, Section 4.035, this Executive Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1990, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this eighth day of March, 1991.

ARNE H. CARLSON

Governor

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