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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 9  
DATE May 1, 1972

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING A STATE COMMUNITY COORDINATED CHILD CARE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, it is vital to the well-being of Maine children to be provided adequate care through a wide range of diversified child care services to enable them to achieve their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, the Community Coordinated Child Care Program has been created to implement maximum coordination of the Federal, State and local levels to make available the health, educational and social care needed; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning of needed child care services and facilities must be accomplished in order to provide for more effective and efficient use of existing human and fiscal resources at all levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, create the State Community Coordinated Child Care Committee and authorize the Department of Health and Welfare to develop and administer a plan for providing comprehensive child care services. The Department of Health and Welfare will provide staff and secretarial services for the 4-C Committee.

PURPOSES OF THE STATE COMMUNITY COORDINATED CHILD CARE SERVICES:

1. To develop and implement a comprehensive and continuing plan for coordinated child care service.
2. To assist in the integration of services and resources of all state, regional and local agencies in child care in order to fill in the gaps in existing services and to expand the reach of existing services to new groups.
3. To provide guidance and technical assistance to local or regional 4-C Committees.
4. To review and recommend approval of regional or local 4-C plans.

MEMBERSHIP:

The State 4-C Committee shall include representatives from the principal state agencies having an interest in children's services, and from private agencies and non-governmental organizations and groups concerned with services for children and representatives of consumers of services.

Governmental members appointed by the Governor shall serve at his direction for an indeterminate period of time. Consumer members and non-governmental appointees shall serve for a period of two years. They shall be eligible for reappointment.

The Governor shall appoint the Chairman for a period of one year.

Consumers and consumer representatives shall be elected by their representative groups and shall constitute at least one-third of the 4-C membership.

Each member may appoint an alternate to represent him at any Committee meeting that he cannot attend. The Governor may appoint additional members to the Committee as deemed appropriate.

DUTIES:

- a. To assist in the coordination of all state governmental efforts dealing with the problems of children.
- b. To assist Maine communities to mobilize their resources in meeting their child care needs.
- c. To review governmental programs serving the children.
- d. To participate in the annual review and the approval of a comprehensive plan detailing needed services and facilities required to provide services for children. This will include participation in the development of new or innovative programs to fill gaps in existing services.

ORGANIZATION:

- a. The Department of Health and Welfare is designated as the State Agency responsible for administration of the State Plan for children.
- b. The Department of Health and Welfare shall provide staff and secretarial services for the 4-C Committee.
- c. As far as possible programs and plans should be done on the basis of geographical regions consistent with those established in Executive Order No. 6, January 26, 1972.

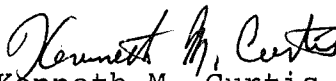
- d. Minutes of all 4-C Committee meetings will be maintained and copies will be provided to the Governor.
- e. The 4-C Committee shall meet as frequently as is necessary to fulfill the responsibilities outlined.

POWERS AND PROCEDURES:

The 4-C Committee will have the necessary authority to carry out the purpose of this Order and to hold public meetings as are necessary. State departments and their employees are directed to cooperate fully in carrying out the purpose of this Committee.

COMPENSATION:

The governmental members of the 4-C Committee shall receive no additional compensation for their services, and necessary expenditures incurred in the performance of their duties shall be borne by the respective Departments or Agencies. Consumers, consumer representatives, and non-governmental organization members' ordinary travel expenses and lodgings incident to necessary travel will be borne by the Department of Health and Welfare, through funding mechanisms to be developed.

  
Kenneth M. Curtis  
Governor