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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

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An Order Consolidating and More Effectively  
Coordinating Committees Serving Children and Youth

WHEREAS, it is essential that services to children and youth be upgraded and more effectively coordinated; and,

WHEREAS, the State Community Coordinated Child Care Committee, the Maine Youth Commission, and the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth as they presently exist have overlapping and vague duties; and,

WHEREAS, the children and youth of the State of Maine need and deserve increased and more effective support from State government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH M. CURTIS, Governor of the State of Maine, direct that the duties and powers of the State Community Coordinated Child Care Committee and the Maine Youth Commission, as contained in Executive Order No. 9, dated May 1, 1972, and No. 9, dated May 20, 1971 shall be reassigned to the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth.

These duties are listed below:

Children's 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 children's services planning committees.
4. To review and recommend approval of regional or local committee plans.
5. To assist in the coordination of all State governmental efforts dealing with the problems of children.
6. To assist Maine communities to mobilize their resources in meeting their child care needs.

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7. To review governmental programs serving the children.
8. 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.

#### Youth Services

1. To assist where appropriate, existing local, State and Federal programs which are concerned with youth.
2. To report current and projected problems of youth.
3. To formulate recommendations and/or plans which will resolve those problems.
4. To provide youth with a means for analyzing and working effectively with State government in the resolution of their problems.
5. To serve as advocates for the Youth of Maine.
6. To evaluate the effectiveness of current programs in the areas of education, training, and others involving young people.
7. To conduct public information projects to inform the public about programs and problems of, and for Maine Youth.

In addition to the duties as defined above and in Chapter 129, Section 2 of the Private and Special Laws of 1973, the Committee shall have the following specific responsibilities:

1. To review existing services for children and youth and identify needs not presently being met.
2. To make recommendations to strengthen the voice of children and youth in the operations of State government. This review should include consideration of proposals to establish a high-level agency to serve children and youth.
3. To make recommendations for the organized development of services for children and youth in the State of Maine.

The Committee should report its findings with appropriate recommendations and/or legislation no later than December 1, 1974.

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The Committee shall be the successor in every way to the State Community Coordinated Child Care Committee and the Maine Youth Commission and shall continue the work of those Committees.

It is expected that regional planning efforts for children conducted by the Department of Health and Welfare will be coordinated with the Committee.

The Committee may establish such subcommittees as it deems necessary to carry out these additional duties.

Staff and secretarial assistance for the Committee shall be provided by the State Youth Coordinator and other State agencies as needed.

State departments and their employees are directed to cooperate fully in carrying out the purpose of this Order.

Executive Order No. 9 dated May 1, 1972 and No. 9 dated May 20, 1971 are hereby repealed, abolishing the State Community Coordinated Child Care Committee and the Maine Youth Commission.

  
KENNETH M. CURTIS  
Governor