

EXECUTIVE ORDER 93-23

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the children of the State of Arizona are our most valuable resource and our most important responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the protection of society begins with the protection of its children; and

WHEREAS, social and cultural conditions are increasingly jeopardizing the health, safety, and well-being of Arizona's children and families; and

WHEREAS, the numerous public and private agencies offering children's programs will benefit from a single strong voice for children in the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office for Children was created by Executive Order No. 85-18 and continued by Executive Order No. 88-22.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby redefine the Governor's Office for Children and delineate herein its responsibilities and organization.

1. The Office shall:
 - a. Serve as an interagency coordinator for all children, youth, and family programs within the state;
 - b. Act as liaison between state government and community and neighborhood organizations serving children, youth, and families;
 - c. Together with the Director of the Department of Economic Security, serve as counsel to the Governor regarding Child Protective Services and other state operations affecting child welfare;
 - d. Devise strategies and advise the Governor regarding juvenile justice and the reduction of criminal acts committed by or against children;
 - e. Coordinate funding and set programmatic priorities for prevention and intervention programs for vulnerable children, youth, and families;
 - f. Assist the Governor in evaluating and improving the effectiveness of state agencies and systems that deal with children, youth, and families;
 - g. Serve as the information base on children, youth, and family programs in Arizona and disseminate information via publications, conferences, and workshops;
 - h. Foster community awareness by facilitating media coverage of children, their parents, their accomplishments, and their challenges;
 - i. Submit an annual report to the Governor on the status of Arizona's children and their families;
 - j. Advocate for children and their families in state policy making.

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2. The Office shall utilize staff and resources within other departments of state government as designated by the Governor.

3. An Advisory Council to the Office is continued as established consisting of 25 members appointed by the Governor. The members shall serve without pay and

at the pleasure of the Governor. The Council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter.

4. The Juvenile Justice Advisory Council to the Office is continued as established. It shall consist of not fewer than 15 nor more than 33 members. The Council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter. Members shall serve for three-year staggered terms. The Governor shall select members as required in the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 as amended.

5. A Cabinet Committee is established consisting of the Directors of the Departments of Economic Security, Corrections, Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation and Health Services, the Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration and the Director of the Governor's Office for Children to ensure the coordination of services to children, youth and families. The Superintendent of Public Instruction will be invited as a member. The committee shall meet at least once each calendar quarter.

6. The Office, at the direction of the Governor, may establish any advisory organizations necessary for achievement of its responsibilities.

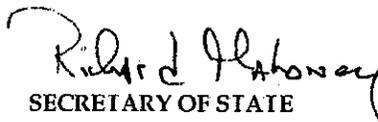
Executive Order 88-22 is repealed effective November 18, 1993.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this eighteenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Seventeenth.

ATTEST: 
SECRETARY OF STATE