

Executive Order 2007-26

**Continuance Of The Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
(Supersedes Executive Order 97-6)**

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

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

WHEREAS, efforts to keep Arizona children out of crime are important; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 97-6, the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission was created within the Governor's Division for Children to help reduce juvenile crime within the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Arizona by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (the "Commission") shall continue as established under Executive Order 97-6, serving in a supervisory capacity over the duties for which it was established as set forth in the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, the reauthorization of 2002, and any subsequent reauthorization (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Act").
2. The Governor's Division for Children shall continue to serve as the lead agency for administration of the Commission.
3. Effective immediately, the Governor shall appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission.
4. The Commission shall consist of no fewer than 15 members and no more than 33 members, who shall be appointed by, and serve without compensation at the pleasure of, the Governor. No more than half of members may be full time government employees. To the extent practicable and allowed by law, at least 20 percent of the Commission's members shall be under the age of 24 at the time of appointment. Members shall meet the requirement of the Act or any federal law subsequent to the Act. Commission Membership shall include:
 - a. One or more locally elected official representing local government.
 - b. Representatives of one or more law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, such as:
 - Juvenile and family court judges
 - Prosecutors

- Counsel for children and youth
 - Probation workers
- c. Representatives of one or more of the following public programs concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment:
- Welfare
 - Social services
 - Mental health
 - Education
 - Special education
 - Recreation
 - Youth services
- d. Representatives of one or more private nonprofit organizations, concerned with:
- Family preservation and strengthening
 - Parent groups and parent self-help groups
 - Youth development
 - Delinquency prevention and treatment
 - Neglected or dependent children
 - Quality of juvenile justice services
 - Education
 - Social services for children
- e. One or more volunteers who work with juvenile justice.
- f. One or more youth workers involved with programs that are alternatives to confinement, including organized recreation activities.
- g. One or more persons with experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion.
- h. One or more persons with experience and competence in addressing problems related to learning disabilities, emotional difficulties, child abuse and neglect, and youth violence.
5. Members of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission may, with the Governor's permission, send designees to serve on the Commission; provided, however, that such designees shall have been delegated by the member with full authority to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member.
6. The Commission shall be responsible for:
- a. Advising the Governor and Legislature of the State of Arizona on those matters relating to the improvement of the juvenile justice system and its services to youth;
 - b. Advocating for full implementation of the Act or any subsequent federal law or Act that

may set forth requirements for the funding of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs in the State;

- c. Addressing the linkage between the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system and supporting efforts to improve interagency coordination service delivery, and sharing of data relating to youth involved in both systems;
 - d. Advocating for alternatives to detention and juvenile detention, corrections system improvements, and re-entry efforts that improve outcomes for all youth and families involved in Arizona's juvenile justice system;
 - e. Reviewing Arizona's juvenile justice system, making recommendations for system improvements, and developing plans to implement reform efforts;
 - f. Improving coordination of policy development and state and federal funding associated with juvenile justice system improvement and delinquency prevention efforts; and
 - g. Supporting the Division for Children's efforts to both monitor for compliance with core requirements of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act ("JJDP A"), and ensure Arizona has an adequate system in place to monitor jails, lockups, detention and correctional facilities, and non-secure facilities for compliance with federal regulations for secure holding of juveniles.
7. In carrying out these responsibilities, the Commission shall:
- a. Work jointly with the Governor's Division for Children to administer funding associated with the Act in accordance with appropriate state and federal law;
 - b. Assist in the development of the State's Three-Year Plan and associated updates and establish funding priorities for the implementation of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program;
 - c. Coordinate with the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections Advisory Commission on juvenile justice system reform efforts.
 - d. Make final determination of funding recipients for federal and state funding of juvenile justice pass through funds;
 - e. Develop an annual report to be distributed to the Governor and the Legislature that includes recommendations regarding state compliance with the JJDP A; and
 - f. Obtain input from juveniles currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

8. This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order 97-6.

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



Jan Napolitano
GOVERNOR

Done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 26TH day of October in the Year Two Thousand and Seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE