

# FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY



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The **Family Independence Agency (FIA)** directs the operations of public assistance and service programs, through county family independence agencies, in every county in Michigan. It administers assistance payment programs available within the state. These programs include temporary assistance for needy families (Family Independence Program); Child Day Care; medical assistance jointly funded by the federal government and the state; state disability assistance and state medical services program, which are funded by the state and State Emergency Relief Program; and food stamps, a federally funded program. The agency administers the child support collection and client welfare fraud investigation programs. In addition, the agency provides other services to children, adults, and families in the state.

Services to adults include protective services, adult placement services, home help services, and assistance with health, housing, transportation, and educational needs.

Family services include referral for employment and training, independent living services providing housing assistance, family planning, counseling, health-related services, volunteer services, refugee assistance, foster family care, transitional services to youth exiting foster care/out-of-home placements, child day care, migrant services, Native American services, and domestic violence prevention and treatment programs. These services are provided to help maintain and strengthen family life and to help families become self-sufficient.

A wide range of service programs is available for the families and children of Michigan. They include protective and preventive services for children who are neglected, abused, or exploited, including foster care placement. The agency also provides a wide range of institutional and non-institutional social services for the care, training, and treatment of neglected and delinquent children committed to the agency as state wards and temporary court wards. Such services include case-work and counseling, adoption, foster care, and the operation of centers for institutional residential care and group homes. In addition, it offers consultation on general child welfare problems to private and public agencies throughout the state and offers services through the Interstate Compact.

The director of the agency is its chief executive officer and is appointed by the governor.

The administrative divisions of the FIA include the Executive Office; Chief Information Officer and Information Technology Management Services; Child and Family Services; Family Independence Services; Field Operations; and Budget, Analysis and Financial Management.

The **Executive Office** is composed of 9 offices: Communications; Legal Affairs; Reengineering and Quality Management; Inspector General; Internal Audit; Human Resources; Affirmative Action; Legislative and Liaison Services; and Special Services (which includes Volunteer Services, the Commission for the Blind and the Commission on Disability Concerns).

**Chief Information Officer and Information Technology Management Services** has the responsibility for administering the directing complex data systems within the Family Independence Agency. Included are four major programs administered by the Chief Information Officer. Examples include ASSIST (Automated Social Services Information and Support), CSES (Child Support

Enforcement System), CSS (Client Support Services), EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer), and SWSS (Services Worker Support System).

**Child and Family Services (CFS)** is responsible for establishing policy and implementing programs focused on protecting, preserving and strengthening children and their families. The programs administered by CFS include the Bureau of Juvenile Justice which serves delinquent youth and their families; the Office of Adult Services; Adoption Services; Child Protective Services and Foster Care; Community Supportive Services; the Child Welfare Training Institute; Domestic Violence, Children's Trust Fund and the Native American Affairs program.

**Family Independence Services Administration** is responsible for development of programs, policy and training for all child care and employment services, financial assistance payment programs; operation and development of the child support program and community action agency coordination.

**Field Operations Administration** is responsible for overseeing the operation of local offices in each of the 83 counties in the state and providing all services and assistance payment programs to eligible customers. It provides these services through Wayne County Operations and Outstate Operations.

**Budget, Analysis and Financial Management Administration** is responsible for agency financial planning and accounting; preparation, monitoring and control of the agency budget; analysis and evaluation of agency programs and policies; analysis of assistance payments, services and administrative support staffing standards; coordination of the agency's quality control activities, including compliance with federal quality control regulations; the FIA contract process; all FIA purchasing, telecommunications, office services, and management support for disability determination services; and federally declared disaster situations, including mobilizing county staff to handle food distribution and emergency cash assistance.



## STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD

### *Professional Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services Providers*

*Term expires*

DR. CHRISTINE M. NELSON ..... December 2004

### *Educators*

DR. TERESSA V. STATEN ..... December 2002

### *Religious Community*

REV. IRA COMBS, JR. .... December 2004

### *Private Business*

STEPHEN THOMAS, JR. .... December 2003

### *Legal*

MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD ..... December 2004

YASMIN J. ABDUL-KARIM ..... December 2003

### *Organized Labor*

ELAINE ANN CRAWFORD ..... December 2004

### *Parents*

JENNA L. W. MARR ..... December 2004

ROBERT R. TISCH ..... December 2002

### *General Public*

PAMELA POSTHUMUS ..... December 2003

### *Representing Department Directors:*

#### *State Superintendent of Public Instruction*

CAROL WOLENBERG

#### *Department of Community Health*

DOUGLAS M. PATERSON

#### *Family Independence Agency*

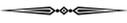
MARK JASONOWICZ

#### *Department of State Police*

LT. KRISTE ETUE/SGT. GREG JONES

The **Children's Trust Fund**, created by Act 250 of 1982, is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Michigan. The Children's Trust Fund conducts statewide public education and fundraising campaigns; funds local child abuse and neglect prevention councils and community-based direct service prevention programs; and provides technical assistance and support.

The governor appoints the members of the board, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve 3-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed. Some board members serve by virtue of their positions in state government.



## COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

	<i>Term expires</i>
SARA ANTOINE, Traverse City . . . . .	March 2000
LARRY J. CARLSON, Rives Junction . . . . .	March 2003
BRUCE SULLIVAN FEASTER, Detroit . . . . .	March 2003
HON. PATRICIA GARDNER, Grand Rapids . . . . .	March 2003
DR. NEERA GHAZIYUDDIN, Ann Arbor . . . . .	March 2003
FREDERICK GIBBS, St. Johns . . . . .	March 2003
CHIEF WILLIAM G. HEGARTY, Grand Rapids (Chair) . . . . .	March 2003
LARRY INMAN, Williamsburg . . . . .	March 2003
KEITH KENT, Lansing . . . . .	March 2003
JOAN M. KNORR, Fremont . . . . .	March 2003
KENNETH MAULT, Midland . . . . .	March 2003
CHIEF ROBERT METZGER, New Boston . . . . .	March 2003
HON. PAMELA MOSKWA, Monroe . . . . .	March 2003
RICK MUÑIZ, Holland . . . . .	March 2003
SHERIFF MIKE OLTERSDORF, Suttons Bay . . . . .	March 2003
HON. MARK RANDON, Detroit . . . . .	March 2003
JESSICA RICHARDS, Waterford . . . . .	March 2000
KEN STECKER, Quincy . . . . .	March 2003
HON. JOHN P. STEKETEE, Grand Rapids . . . . .	March 2003
CARL S. TAYLOR, PH.D., East Lansing . . . . .	March 2003
PATRICIA M. VERDUIN, Grand Haven . . . . .	March 2003
HON. ELIZABETH A. WEAVER, Traverse City . . . . .	March 2003
RYAN WELLS, Lansing . . . . .	March 2003

The **Committee on Juvenile Justice** was established in the Family Independence Agency by Executive Order No. 1994-8. The committee, which is required by the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, is responsible for implementing the mandates of the act, including the deinstitutionalization of status offenders, sight and sound separation, the removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups, reducing the disproportionate confinement of minorities, and for reporting periodically on the performance of its functions to the governor and legislature. The committee members are appointed by the governor for 3-year terms.



## JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT (JAIBG)

- HON. PATRICIA GARDNER, Grand Rapids  
(Family Court Judge in Kent County)
- ROBERT ENNIS, Holly (Director of Ennis Center for Children)
- JEROME GALLAGHER, Okemos (Project Director of Project Sentry)
- JOSEPH E. THOMAS, Southfield (Police Chief for the City of Southfield)
- DAVID GORCYCA, Troy (Prosecutor of Oakland County)
- LARRY MIESNER, Lansing  
(Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice in the Family Independence Agency)
- DAN LANE, Port Huron (Sheriff of St. Clair County)

The **JAIBG** promotes greater accountability in the state's juvenile justice system. The Governor's Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Ad hoc committee is a newly appointed 7-member coalition that implements JAIBG. The coalition ensures that Michigan is in compliance with the federal law, develops a coordinated enforcement plan for reducing juvenile crime and authorizes grants of approximately \$5 million per year to local units of government. For more information, contact the Office of Juvenile Justice at (517) 241-7497.



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD

*Term expires*

FERNE FARBER, Grayling . . . . .	Sept. 30, 2003
JAMES A. FINK, Ypsilanti . . . . .	Sept. 30, 2003
SHIRLEY MANN GRAY, West Bloomfield . . . . .	Sept. 30, 2004
HON. DARNELL JACKSON, Saginaw . . . . .	Sept. 30, 2003
MICHELLE HAYES, Gaylord . . . . .	Sept. 30, 2004
CATHERINE CHRIST LUCAS, Battle Creek . . . . .	Sept. 30, 2003
HON. EDWARD SOSNICK, Pontiac . . . . .	Sept. 30, 2004



## MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS

*Term expires*

WILLIAM JOSEPH AXTELL, Southfield . . . . .	March 5, 2004
HON. DUNCAN BEAGLE, Flint . . . . .	March 5, 2002
LUZ MARIA CEBRECO, Southfield. . . . .	March 5, 2003
JOSEPH CONNELLY, Livonia (Vice Chair) . . . . .	March 5, 2003
LENORE COSCARELLI, Lansing . . . . .	March 5, 2003
KENNETH D. FRENSELY, White Lake . . . . .	Oct. 31, 2002
LYDIA GRABER, Belleville (Chair) . . . . .	March 5, 2004
NANCY A. JOHNSON, Troy . . . . .	March 5, 2003
CLAUDIA LEE, Waterford . . . . .	March 5, 2004
JANE MACFARLANE, Westland . . . . .	March 5, 2003
IAN MINICUCI, Troy. . . . .	March 5, 2002
ESTHER LOUISE SHUMAKER, Holland . . . . .	March 5, 2002
CATHERINE E. SMITH, Lansing. . . . .	March 5, 2004
ALPHONSO SWAIN, Haslett . . . . .	March 5, 2004
JUDITH TRAPP, Alpena . . . . .	March 5, 2002
W. KENNETH TREGENZA, JR., Rochester . . . . .	March 5, 2002
JOHN L. TUITEL, Grand Rapids . . . . .	March 5, 2004
HEIDI L. VANARNEM, Bloomfield Hills . . . . .	March 5, 2004
JOSE ZAVALA, Westland . . . . .	March 5, 2003
VACANCY . . . . .	March 5, 2003
VACANCY . . . . .	March 5, 2003

Established under Executive Order No. 1995-11 (E.R.O. 1995-10, MCL §395.351), the **Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns** is comprised of 21 members appointed by the governor for 3-year terms. The commission serves as an advocate and an information resource for all people with disabilities in Michigan.

The powers and duties of the former Commission on Handicapper Concerns created in the Department of Labor under Act 11 of 1968, as amended by Act 58 of 1978, were transferred under E.R.O. 1995-10 to the Commission on Disability Concerns and the former commission was abolished. Later, the Commission on Disability Concerns was transferred under Executive Order No. 1996-2 (E.R.O. 1996-2, MCL §445.2001) to the Family Independence Agency.

