

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



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The **Department of Human Services (DHS)** directs the operations of public assistance and service programs through county offices in every county in Michigan. It administers the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant and the federal Food Stamp Program, which in Michigan is called the Food Assistance Program. The department administers other state and federally funded assistance programs including the Family Independence Program, Child Day Care Services, State Disability Assistance and State Emergency Relief. Department staff members also perform eligibility for Medicaid and other medical assistance programs jointly funded by the federal government and the state and administered by the Department of Community Health.

The department also administers the federal IV-D Child Support Program in Michigan and the client welfare fraud investigation programs. In addition, the department provides other services to children, adults, and families in the state including children's protective services, adoption and foster care. Services to adults include protective services, adult community placement, 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, transitional services to youths exiting foster care and out-of-home placement, migrant services, refugee services, Native American services, and domestic violence prevention and treatment programs. In total, these services help strengthen family life and to help families become self-sufficient.

Department staff and contractors deliver a wide range of service programs for 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 department as state wards and temporary court wards. Such services include casework 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 department also administers the Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity, Children's Trust Fund, Office of Child and Adult Licensing, Michigan Community Service Commission, Disability Determination Service and Early Childhood Investment Corporation.

The department director is its chief executive officer and is appointed by the governor. The administrative divisions of the DHS include the Director's Office, Chief Deputy Director, and deputy directors for Adult and Children's Policy (with bureau on Children's Services and Adult and Family Services), Performance Excellence and Field Operations.

The Executive Office is composed of the offices of Communications, Internal Audit, State Legislative and Liaison Services, Federal Liaison and Policy Advisor, Interagency and Community Services (which includes Volunteer Services, Migrant Affairs, Indian Affairs and Refugee Services), Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity, Equal Employment Opportunity and Deputy Director for Adult and Children's Policy.

Chief Deputy Director has the administrative responsibility for deputy directors over Children's Services, Adult and Family Services, Performance Excellence and Field Operations as well as the Chief Administrative Officer. Most administrative service delivery units are administered through the deputy directors for Children's Services and Adult and Family Services, while the Chief Administrative Officer and deputy director for Performance Excellence administer non-service providing entities such as personnel, contracts, and quality assurance.

Field Services Administration has administrative responsibility 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 clients. It is also administratively responsible for the Training and Support Program. The department administers services through a network of county and district offices, staff stationed in hospitals and related facilities, and through 54 one-stop, school-based Family Resource Centers that promote greater parental involvement in children's education and enhance self-sufficiency by linking human service delivery within the context of a school building.

Some portions of the department are represented by boards whose memberships follow.



STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD

Term expires

REBECCA BAHAR-COOK	December 2009
ABBY B. DART	December 2007
ANITA G. FOX	December 2009
RENEE FARHAT LOEPP	December 2008
NANCY J. MOODY (Chair)	December 2009
DOUGLAS M. PATERSON	December 2008
PAUL SHAHEEN	December 2007
SCOTT STEVENSON	December 2007
TAMARA D. VANDER ARK	December 2007

Representing Department Directors

- CAROL WOLENBERG, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- GREGORY SCOTT, Department of Community Health
- ISMAEL AHMED, Department of Human Services
- SGT. GREG JONES, Department of State Police

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

Term expires

ARTHUR M. CARTER, Detroit	Pending
JOAN DOUGHTY, Ann Arbor	Pending
WILLIAM ERVIN, Mt. Pleasant	Pending
JEFFREY FINK, Kalamazoo	Pending
DIANE GIDDINGS, Hudson	Pending
AMY GOOD, Detroit	Pending

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE (Cont.)

	<i>Term expires</i>
CAROL HARTON, Lansing	Pending
JERIEL HEARD, Farmington Hills	Pending
ANITA LACY, Kalamazoo	Pending
MARILYN LATTERMAN, East Lansing	Pending
BETSY NETHERTON, Albion	Pending
BRIAN PHILSON, Horton	Pending
JOSEPH UNDERWOOD, Cassopolis	Pending
GARY WALKER, Marquette	Pending
HON. ELIZABETH A. WEAVER, Glen Arbor	Pending
CLARENCE WILLIAMS, Detroit	Pending

The **Committee on Juvenile Justice** was established in the Department of Human Services 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 governor appoints the committee members for three-year terms. For more information, contact the Bureau of Juvenile Justice at (517) 335-6128.



JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT (JABG)

- 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)
- DAVID GORCYCA, Troy (Prosecutor of Oakland County)

The **JABG** promotes greater accountability in the state's juvenile justice system. The Governor's Juvenile Accountability Block Grant ad hoc committee implements the JABG. It ensures that Michigan is in compliance with the federal law, develops a coordinated enforcement plan for reducing juvenile crime and authorizes grants of approximately \$1.5 million per year to local units of government. For more information contact the Bureau of Juvenile Justice at (517) 335-6128.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD

	<i>Term expires</i>
CANDACE COWLING, Grand Rapids	Sept. 30, 2009
PRINCELLA E. GRAHAM, Rochester Hills	Sept. 30, 2007
HON. AMY KRAUSE, Lansing (Chair)	Sept. 30, 2009
MARY BETH KUR, Petoskey	Sept. 30, 2009
NATHANIEL C. PERRY, III, Flint	Sept. 30, 2007
HON. EDWARD SOSNICK, Pontiac	Sept. 30, 2009

The **Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board** was established within the department in 1978 by state legislation that created a governor-appointed, seven-member board responsible for focusing state activity on domestic violence. Members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The board administers state and federal funding for domestic violence shelters and advocacy services, develops and recommends policy, and develops and provides technical assistance and training.

