

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 Deputy Director, Service Delivery Administration, and Federal Services Administration.

The **Executive Office** is composed of 9 offices: Communications, Legal Affairs, Internal Audit, Legislative and Liaison Services, Child Support, Executive Assistant (which includes Volunteer Services, the Commission for the Blind, and the Commission on Disability Concerns), Children's Trust Fund, Family Advocate, and Federal Legislation.

Chief Deputy Director has the administrative responsibility for nonservice delivery areas such as Budget, Project Financing, Accounting, Contracts, Administrative Services, Human Resources and EEO, Quality Control, Inspector General, Special Projects, and Bureau of Juvenile Justice (which serves delinquent youth and their families) and is second in command of FIA.

Field Services Administration has the 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 customers. It provides these services through Wayne County Operations and Outstate Operations. It is also responsible for the Office of Performance Excellence and Disability Determination Service.

Services Delivery Administration is responsible for establishing policy and implementing programs focused on protecting, preserving, and strengthening children and their families; also policy and training for all child care and employment services, financial assistance payment programs, and community action agency coordination. The programs administered by SDA include the Bureau of Family Independent Services, Office of Adult Services, Adoption Services, Child Protective Services, Foster Care Services, Community Supportive Services, Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment, and Native American Affairs.



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 2005

Religious Community

REV. IRA COMBS, JR. December 2004

Private Business

STEPHEN THOMAS, JR. December 2003

Legal

YASMIN J. ABDUL-KARIM December 2003

MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD December 2004

Organized Labor

ELAINE ANN CRAWFORD December 2004

Parents

JENNA L. W. MARR December 2004

ROBERT R. TISCH December 2005

General Public

PAMELA POSTHUMUS December 2004

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

Term expires

SARA ANTOINE, Marquette	March 15, 2006
HELEN BRINKMAN, Rockford	March 15, 2006
JOSHUA DAVIDSON, Walker	March 15, 2006
LEONARD DIXON, Woodhaven	March 15, 2006
JOAN DOUGHTY, Ann Arbor	March 15, 2006
WILLIAM ERVIN, Mt. Pleasant	March 15, 2006
JEFFREY FINK, Kalamazoo	March 15, 2006
DIANE GIDDINGS, Hudson	March 15, 2006
AMANDA GOOD, Detroit	March 15, 2006
SHARKEY HADDAD, West Bloomfield	March 15, 2006
CAROL HARTON, Lansing	March 15, 2006
JERIEL HEARD, Farmington Hills	March 15, 2006
MARILYN LATTERMAN, East Lansing	March 15, 2006
BETSY MELLOS, Grosse Pointe Shores	March 15, 2006
ALEXANDER MONTANER, Detroit	March 15, 2006
DEANDRY NOLEN, Flint	March 15, 2006
EDWARD RIVERA, Detroit	March 15, 2006
JOSEPH SHEERAN, Essexville	March 15, 2006
CARL TAYLOR, Grand Ledge	March 15, 2006
JOSEPH UNDERWOOD, Cassopolis	March 15, 2006
GARY WALKER, Marquette	March 15, 2006
HON. ELIZABETH A. WEAVER, Glen Arbor	March 15, 2006
CLARENCE WILLIAMS, Detroit	March 15, 2006

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. For more information, contact the Bureau of Juvenile Justice at (517) 335-6128.



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, Division of Strategic and Effective Practices, National Juvenile Detention Assoc.)

RICK JONES, Charlotte (Sheriff of Eaton 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 Bureau of Juvenile Justice at (517) 335-6128.



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
MICHELLE HAYES, Gaylord	Sept. 30, 2004
HON. DARNELL JACKSON, Saginaw	Sept. 30, 2003
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, 2005
KIMBERLY L. BOROWICZ, Lake Orion	March 5, 2005
RONALD L. BOWER, North Branch	March 5, 2005
LUZ MARIA CEBRECO, Southfield	March 5, 2005
JOSEPH CONNELLY, Livonia (Vice Chair)	March 5, 2005
KENNETH D. FRENSLEY, White Lake	March 5, 2005
LYDIA GRABER, Belleville (Chair)	March 5, 2004
CLAUDIA LEE, Waterford	March 5, 2004
JANE MACFARLANE, Canton	March 5, 2005
IAN MINICUCI, Troy	March 5, 2005
JOHN PEDRAZA, Grand Ledge	March 5, 2004
CATHERINE E. SMITH, Grand Ledge	March 5, 2004
PETER M. SUNDHOLM, Rapid River	March 5, 2005
ALPHONSO SWAIN, Haslett	March 5, 2004
JUDITH TRAPP, Alpena	March 5, 2005
W. KENNETH TREGENZA, Jr., Rochester	March 5, 2005
JOHN L. TUITEL, Grand Rapids	March 5, 2004
JOSE ZAVALA, Westland	March 5, 2005
VACANCY	March 5, 2005
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Established under Executive Order No. 1995-11 (MCL 395.351), the **Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns**, comprised of 21 members appointed by the governor for 3-year terms, serves as an advocate and an information resource for all people with disabilities in Michigan.



MICHIGAN COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

Term expires

ROBERT ADLER	Sept. 30, 2005
PEETE GREEN	Sept. 30, 2004
J. J. (JEROME) JACKSON	Sept. 30, 2005
JO ANN PILARSKI	Sept. 30, 2003
BARBARA THOMAS	Sept. 30, 2004

PATRICK D. CANNON, Executive Director

The **Michigan Commission for the Blind**, created by Act 260 of 1978, serves many of the state's 50,000 blind residents through its various educational, training, and rehabilitation programs. The members of the commission are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, for 3-year terms.

