
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Stuart O. Simms, *Secretary of Juvenile Justice*

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Appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent, the Secretary of Juvenile Justice heads the Department of Juvenile Justice. The Secretary co-chairs the Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform of the Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. The Secretary also serves on the Governor's Executive Council; the Governor's Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families; the Governor's Commission on Service; the Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice; the State Board of Victim Services; the Work Force Investment Board; Institutional Educator Pay Plan Committee; and the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs.

Within the Office of the Secretary are units for community outreach; fair practices and risk management; total quality; and legal counsel. Under the Secretary, the Department is organized into three divisions: Field Services; Program Services; and Residential Services.

STATE ADVISORY BOARD FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

Martin P. Welch, *Chair*, 1996

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The State Advisory Board for Juvenile Justice started in 1966 as the State Advisory Board of Juvenile Services (Chapter 126, Acts of 1966). In 1987, it was renamed the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services and, in 1995, received its present name (Chapter 290, Acts of 1987; Chapter 8, Acts of 1995). The Board recommends to the Secretary of Juvenile Justice policies and programs to improve State juvenile services. The Board helps plan development and use of resources and helps inform the public of the work of the Department.

The Board consists of eighteen members appointed by the Governor to three-year terms. The Governor names the chair (Code 1957, Art. 83C, secs. 2-106 through 2-110).

FEMALE POPULATION TASK FORCE

Judith A. Mayer, *Chair*
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The Female Population Task Force was created by the Secretary of Juvenile Services in April 1992. The Task Force demographically defined young women offenders and devised a plan to improve services to them. A report issued in September 1993 contained the plan. Now, the Task Force monitors the implementation of its recommendations and serves as an advisory board for statewide issues concerning young women offenders.

JUDICIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Chair: Robert C. Murphy, Chief Judge,
Court of Appeals

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To create a formal means of communication between the Department and the courts, the Judicial Liaison Committee was started by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the Director of the Juvenile Services Agency in 1990. Members meet to discuss common problems, resource needs, policy decisions, and legislative recommendations. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals appoints the judicial representation. The Secretary of Juvenile Justice appoints representatives of the Department. The chair alternates yearly between the Chief Judge and the Secretary, who serve *ex officio*.

STATE'S ATTORNEYS LIAISON COMMITTEE

Joyce L. Wright, *Chair*
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The State's Attorneys Liaison Committee was formed in 1991 by the President of the State's Attorneys Association and the Secretary of Juvenile Services to enhance cooperation between the Department and State's Attorneys. The Committee first met in January 1992. Originally, members were chosen by the Secretary and the Association President. Now, the Committee is self-perpetuating.

ADMINISTRATION

Barbara Y. Alunans, *Director*
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Administration started as the Budget and Management Division in 1987. It was renamed the Administrative Services Division in 1990. In 1992, the Division merged with the Program Services Division to form the Administrative and Program Services Division. In 1996, functions of the Division were separated when the office of Administration was created.

SPECIALIZED OPERATIONS

Mary Louise Orth, *Administrator*
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Specialized Operations began as Special Programs and was reorganized under its present name in 1996. This office seeks funding for the special needs of children. It started in 1992, when the Department began participating in federal funding initiatives. Under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, the State receives federal funds to maintain eligible children in foster care (P.L. 96-272).

From February to September 1995, the *Emergency Services to Families with Children Program* reimbursed the State for emergency services provided to needy families in crisis (Social Security Act, Title IV-A; federal Regulation 45CFR233.120). These social services responded to family emergencies that threatened or endangered children. When federal funding stopped, the State program ceased.