

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) BE A STRONG ADVOCATE IN ENSURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COORDINATED AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THE SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC, HEALTH, AND LEGAL PROBLEMS OF RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD;

(2) IN COOPERATION WITH APPROPRIATE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES, FOSTER PLANS TO ENHANCE THE COORDINATION OF ALL FEDERALLY OR STATE FUNDED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REGARDING RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW;

(3) DEVELOP A COORDINATED COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PLAN, INCLUDING ESTIMATES OF NECESSARY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING, FOR INCREASING A FATHER'S PARTICIPATION IN RAISING HIS CHILDREN AND IMPROVING SERVICES TO NONCUSTODIAL FATHERS;

(4) PROMOTE INTERDEPARTMENTAL AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE POLICY, AND PROGRAM COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION;

(5) COLLECT DATA AND PERFORM ANALYSIS ON ONGOING AND NEW EFFORTS AIMED AT INCREASING RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD;

(6) PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE POLICIES DESIGNED TO ADDRESS ISSUES WHERE FATHERS ARE PREVENTED FROM PARTICIPATING IN RAISING THEIR CHILDREN;

(7) MONITOR STATEWIDE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE GOAL OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF NONCUSTODIAL FATHERS;

(8) PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE WIDE COMMUNITY INPUT, COMMUNICATION, AND EDUCATION REGARDING RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD;

(9) PROVIDE ADVICE TO LOCAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES SEEKING TO MOBILIZE LOCAL EFFORTS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD; AND

(10) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEWIDE PLAN, RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANTS CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD FROM FUNDS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THIS PURPOSE, OR FROM GRANTS OR PRIVATE DONATIONS, GIVING PRIORITY TO INNOVATIVE PROJECTS THAT:

(I) PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COORDINATED NETWORK OF SERVICES FOR NONCUSTODIAL FATHERS; AND

(II) DEMONSTRATE A HIGH LEVEL OF COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT BY MAKING AVAILABLE NONSTATE FUNDS, PERSONNEL, AND FACILITIES.

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THE COMMISSION MAY NOT OPERATE ANY PROGRAMS OR PROVIDE ANY DIRECT SERVICES.