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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Roy Romer
Governor

CREATING THE INTERAGENCY PREVENTION COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The Governor's Smart Growth and Development Interregional Council requested that Colorado state government devise and implement a five-year comprehensive prevention plan to address problems in our communities; and

WHEREAS, problems such as crime, violence and substance abuse continue to exist at an unacceptable level, profoundly affecting Colorado's children, youth, families, neighborhoods and communities; and

WHEREAS, many statewide and local efforts have been created to help Coloradans revive the spirit of community to create a brighter future for our children, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, all children and youth and families need a continuum of support and care throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, a Children's Cabinet has been created to focus on the needs of children birth through eight years of age; and

WHEREAS, evaluative studies repeatedly indicate that the most successful, efficient prevention programs are community-based, comprehensive approaches developed in partnership with youth, families schools, local law enforcement agencies, government, non-profit other community-based organizations and business; and

WHEREAS, time, effort and resources are currently invested in prevention and intervention efforts in Colorado by state-level entities in local initiatives, and these entities, in order to achieve effective outcomes and avoid duplication, must coordinate, collaborate and integrate their efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority invested in me by the constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. The InterAgency Prevention Council is hereby established. It shall be composed of program level representation as designated by the Executive Director or CEO of all state departments, their divisions and offices which currently or herein forward fund or provide programs and services in the areas of prevention and intervention.

2. The state departments represented shall include, but are not limited to: Department of Corrections; Department of Education; Governor's Office of Policy & Initiatives; Department of Human Services; Department of Local Affairs; Department of Labor & Employment; Department of Public Health & Environment; Department of Public Safety; Department of Transportation; Governor's Job Training Office; Department of Natural Resources; and the Department of Higher Education.

3. The InterAgency Prevention Council shall work with the Children's Cabinet and local (neighborhood, community, city, county and regional) initiatives to develop, implement and improve their own prevention strategic action plans. A chairperson from each Council shall sit on the other council to ensure coordination and collaboration.

4. The InterAgency Prevention Council shall collaborate with the Children's Cabinet to develop a statewide, five year comprehensive prevention plan that builds on local strategic action plans by June 30, 1998.

5. The statewide, five-year comprehensive plan will include, but is not limited to:
   - development of a seamless system of entry and access to the continuum of prevention programs and funding,
   - shared technical assistance\field systems,
   - coordinated funding cycles,
   - common grant standards and decision-making processes, and
   - benchmarks to evaluate progress.

6. The InterAgency Prevention Council shall recommend improvements in effectiveness and efficiencies in state and federal programs to department executive directors and to the Governor.

7. The executive director or chief operating officer of each agency shall be responsible for ensuring the implementation of and compliance with this order.

8. This order shall be effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this 28th day of January, 1997

Roy Romer
Governor