

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-06

WHEREAS, Family support services enable families with children with developmental disabilities to raise their children at home, which is in the best interest of the children, the families and all citizens of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Family support services extends to adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to remain in their home communities by building upon naturally occurring support systems; and

WHEREAS, Families and communities are the greatest natural resource available to people living with disabilities. As with all individuals, those with developmental disabilities need families, communities and relationships in order to develop to their fullest potential, and families and communities are the major providers of support, care and training for these individuals; and

WHEREAS, The input of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families is critical in the development of family support services;

IT IS THEREFORE, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, directed that the South Dakota Family Support Council be authorized to function in compliance with the following sections of this order.

General Provisions

Section 1. The name of this council is the South Dakota Family Support Council.

Section 2. The membership of the council consists of 15 members as follows:

- (a) Members of the council shall be immediate family members of a person with a developmental disability or have a developmental disability themselves;
- (b) At minimum, two members of the council shall be Native American;
- (c) At minimum, one member of the council shall have a developmental disability.
- (d) Members of the council shall be appointed by the governor. Five members will initially be appointed for 1-year terms. Five other members will be appointed for 2-year terms and the remaining five members will be appointed for 3-year terms. Any appointments to replace members whose terms have been expired will be for 3 years. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy arising from other than the natural expiration of a term shall serve only for the unexpired term, but may be reappointed to a full term.
- (e) The council shall annually choose from its membership a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary.

Section 3. Duties of the Family Support Council shall include but not be limited to:

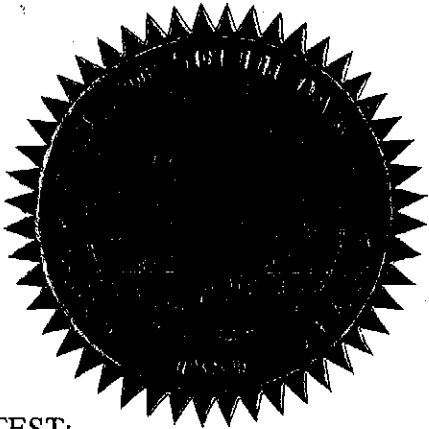
- (a) Defining the principles and philosophy of family support services;
- (b) Advising the Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Department's planning, policy, goals, implementation and evaluation of family support services; and
- (c) Providing an annual report to the Governor and Legislature.

Section 4. The Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Human Services will provide staff assistance to the council.

Section 5. Meeting expenses for the Family Support Council will be paid from the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Human Services funds.

Section 6. The effective date of this order shall be Sept. 27, 2003.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of Sept., 2003.



M. Michael Rounds
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ATTEST:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State