

Draft Executive Order

Establishing the White House Office on Children and Youth

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. It is the Administration's policy that children and youth are the nation's most precious resource, and that it is the responsibility of families, communities, businesses, non-profit and philanthropic organizations, youth themselves, and government at all levels to work together in a strategic, coordinated, and results-focused manner to ensure that our young people have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Toward this end, the White House Office on Children and Youth shall assess the needs of the nation's children and youth ages 0-24, develop a comprehensive National Youth Strategy that coordinates the efforts of the federal government to meet the holistic needs of children and youth ages 0-24, and identify and eliminate barriers to effective coordination and integration of federal efforts to supporting the nation's children and youth ages 0-24.

Section 2. White House Office on Children and Youth.

(a) General. There shall be a White House Office on Children and Youth (Office), which shall be a component of the Executive Office of the President. The Office shall have a Director who shall be appointed by the President. The Director shall be assisted by an appropriate staff within the White House Office.

(b) Duties of Office. The Office shall have the following functions:

(1) assist the President to establish policies, goals, objectives, and priorities with respect to youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, and to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of youth services;

(2) develop, coordinate, promulgate, oversee the implementation of, and evaluate the National Youth Strategy to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of youth services;

(3) coordinate the youth services provided by Federal departments and agencies, coordinate Federal interagency youth services, identify and eliminate barriers to coordination, and, to the extent permitted by law, integrate federal efforts for youth in order to maximize the access of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, to youth services, strengthen the impact of youth services, and meet the comprehensive needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;

(4) consult, coordinate with, facilitate joint efforts among, and support State, local, and tribal governments, nongovernmental entities, and youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, with respect to improving youth services;

(5) review and make recommendations with respect to the budgets for Federal youth services to ensure the adequacy of those budgets;

(6) make recommendations to the President with respect to the organization, management, and budgets of Federal departments and agencies providing youth services, including changes in the allocation of personnel to and within those departments and agencies to implement the policies, goals, objectives, and priorities established under paragraph (1) and the National Youth Strategy, including both

recommendations the President could implement directly and recommendations the President may wish to make to Congress;

(7) act as the Federal government's chief liaison to State Youth Services Coordinating Entities (state interagency coordinating organization such as a Children's Cabinet that develops and implements a comprehensive plan to improve outcomes for youth) and State Youth Advisory Boards (state sanctioned association of youth that advises elected officials with respect to youth services);

(8) act as the White House's representative to existing Federal interagency efforts related to children and youth services, such as the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Federal Mentoring Council, the Shared Youth Vision, the White House Office on Urban Policy, and other relevant interagency collaborations involving children and youth; and aligning these efforts in concert with the National Youth Strategy.

(c) Budget Review and Recommendations:

(1) Review of Budget Requests- Each department or agency of the Federal Government providing youth services shall transmit each year to the Director a copy of the proposed budget request of that department or agency with respect to youth services at a time not later than that department or agency's submitting of such budget request to the Office of Management and Budget for preparation of the budget of the President submitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code. The proposed budget request shall be transmitted to the Director in such form as the Director, in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget, determines appropriate.

(2) Recommendations with Respect to Budget Requests- After the receipt of proposed budget requests pursuant to paragraph (1), the Director shall provide budget recommendations with respect to Federal youth services to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and to the President at a time that allows such recommendations to be incorporated into the budget of the President submitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code. The recommendations shall address funding priorities developed in the National Youth Strategy and shall address future fiscal projections as determined by the Director.

(d) National Youth Strategy: The Director shall submit to the President and make available to Congress and the public, not later than 180 days after the date of this order and not later than February 1 of each succeeding year, a National Youth Strategy (Strategy) that shall set forth a comprehensive plan for that year to improve outcomes for youth in the United States, particularly disadvantaged youth. The Director shall ensure the Strategy meets the following requirements:

(1) Goals and Performance Measures- The Strategy shall contain comprehensive, research-based goals and quantifiable performance measures with respect to youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, that shall serve as targets for the year with respect to which the Strategy applies.

(2) Accountability for Past Performance Measures- The Strategy shall contain a report on Federal effectiveness with respect to meeting those performance measures set by the Strategy for the preceding year, including an evaluation of whether or not such performance measures were met and the reasons therefore.

(3) Reporting on and Identifying Gaps in Youth Services- The Strategy shall contain a report on and identify gaps in--

(A) the educational, social, emotional, physical, vocational, and civic development of youth, disaggregated by age, race, gender, geographic distribution, population density, socioeconomic status, and other target populations determined necessary for inclusion by the Director;

(B) the quality and quantity of youth services for the educational, social, emotional, physical, vocational, and civic development of youth, disaggregated by age, race, gender, geographic distribution, population density, socioeconomic status, and other target populations determined necessary for inclusion by the Director; and

(C) the size and allocation of Federal resources devoted to supporting the educational, social, emotional, physical, vocational, and civic development of youth, disaggregated by age, race, gender, geographic distribution, population density, socioeconomic status, and other target populations determined necessary for inclusion by the Director.

(4) Youth Views and Perspectives- The Strategy shall contain the views and perspectives of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, with respect to youth services as prepared by the National Youth Advisory Board in consultation with State Youth Advisory Boards and similar local organizations.

(5) Strategic Plan- The Strategy shall contain a plan to achieve the goals and performance measures set for the year with respect to which the Strategy applies, including the following:

(A) Program and budget priorities necessary to achieve the performance measures.

(B) Recommendations for improved Federal interagency coordination, such as shared grant application processes, grantee reporting requirements, training and technical assistance efforts, definitions, recipient eligibility requirements, research, evaluation efforts, and data collection, and recommendations for legislative changes necessary to achieve such interagency coordination and to facilitate the delivery of a comprehensive array of youth services.

(C) Recommendations for improved coordination between the Federal Government and State, local, and tribal governments, nongovernmental entities, and youth, particularly disadvantaged youth.

(D) A strategic research, innovation, and demonstration agenda to guide the use of Federal research spending with respect to youth, particularly disadvantaged youth.

(e) Coordination with Federal Departments and Agencies-

(1) Federal Department and Agency Cooperation- Each department or agency of the Federal Government providing youth services shall--

(A) cooperate with the efforts of the Director under this executive order;

(B) provide such assistance, statistics, studies, reports, information, and advice as the Director may request, to the extent permitted by law;

(C) adjust department or agency staff job descriptions and performance measures to support collaboration and implementation of the Strategy; and

(D) assign department or agency liaisons to the Office to oversee and implement interagency coordination.

(2) Interagency Alignment- The Director, in collaboration with the heads of Federal departments and agencies providing youth services, shall strengthen the coordination of Federal youth services in order to maximize the access of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, to youth services, strengthen the impact of youth services, and meet the comprehensive needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, by, where appropriate--

(A) facilitating the development of shared grant application processes;

(B) offering joint training and technical assistance efforts;

(C) improving opportunities for youth to maintain services as they transition from systems of care;

(D) aligning--

(i) grantee reporting requirements;

(ii) definitions;

(iii) eligibility requirements;

(iv) research;

(v) evaluation efforts; and

(vi) data collection;

(E) making recommendations with respect to the legislative changes necessary to achieve the interagency alignment and coordination necessary to facilitate the delivery of a comprehensive array of youth services; and

(F) taking other steps necessary to improve collaboration between Federal departments and agencies providing youth services.

(3) Joint Funding and Coordination- The Director, in consultation with the heads of Federal departments and agencies, may oversee the development and administration of initiatives involving multiple Federal departments and agencies, including initiatives that involve the integration of funding from different Federal departments and agencies to the extent permitted by law.

(A) Administration of Funds- With respect to an initiative that involves the integration of funding from different Federal departments and agencies, the Federal department or agency principally involved in such an initiative, as determined by the Director, may be designated by the Director to act for all involved departments or agencies in administering funds for the initiative.

(B) Nongovernmental Entities- Interagency efforts may involve nongovernmental entities.

Section 3. National Child and Youth Development Council-

(a) Establishment. There is established within the Office the National Youth Development Council (Council').

(b) Membership. In addition to the Chair, the members of the Councils shall be the heads of the executive branch departments, agencies, and offices listed below, or their high level designees , and such other officers of the executive branch or members of the public with significant knowledge of child and youth development, including youth, as the President may from time to time designate. Members shall not be compensated for their service on the Council in addition to the salaries they receive as employees or officers of the federal government.

(1) Members. The members of the Council shall include--

- (A) the President;
- (B) the Director;
- (C) the Attorney General;
- (D) the Secretary of Agriculture;
- (E) the Secretary of Labor;
- (F) the Secretary of Health and Human Services;
- (G) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development;
- (H) the Secretary of Education;
- (I) the Secretary of the Interior;
- (J) the Secretary of Commerce;
- (K) the Secretary of Defense;
- (L) the Secretary of Homeland Security;
- (M) the Secretary of State;
- (N) the Secretary of Transportation;
- (O) the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy;
- (P) the Director of the Office of Management and Budget;
- (Q) the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service;
- (R) the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy;
- (S) the Director of the USA Freedom Corps;
- (T) the Director of the Office of Faith-based and Community initiatives;
- (U) the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts;
- (V) the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities;
- (W) the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services;
- (X) the co-chairs of the National Youth Advisory Board;
- (Y) other Federal officials as directed by the President; and
- (Z) not fewer than seven individuals chosen by the President, in consultation with the Director, of whom not fewer than five shall be from nongovernmental entities and not fewer than two shall be from State Youth Services Coordinating Entities.

(2) Chairperson- The Chairperson of the Council shall be the President.

(3) Meetings-

(A) In General- The full membership of the Council shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, but at least once each year. The Chairperson may call additional meetings composed of less than the full membership of the Council as needed.

(B) First Meeting- The first meeting of the Council shall be not more than four months after the date of the signing of this Executive Order.

(C) Responsibilities- The Council shall--

(1) assist the Director to coordinate the youth services provided by Federal departments and agencies and to coordinate Federal interagency youth services;

(2) assist the Director in the development, coordination, implementation, evaluation, and promulgation of the Strategy;

(3) assist the Director in soliciting and documenting ongoing input and recommendations with respect to youth services and youth outcomes, particularly disadvantaged youth outcomes, from State, local, and tribal governments, nongovernmental entities, and youth, particularly disadvantaged youth; and

(4) ensure that members of the Council oversee the implementation of those sections of the Strategy for which each such member's department or agency is responsible, as determined by the Director, and to report to the Director on such implementation and the results thereof.

(5) solicit advice from the National Youth Advisory Board on proposed and pending policies and budget expenditures with respect to youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, and provide the National Youth Advisory Board access to such senior Federal Government officials as may aid their work

(D) Travel and Transportation Expenses- Each member of the Council may be allowed travel or transportation expenses in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, while away from the member's home or regular place of business in performance of services for the Council.

Section 4. National Youth Advisory Board.

(a) Establishment. There is established within the Office the National Youth Advisory Board (Board).

(b) Members and Terms-

(1) In General- The membership of the Board shall be composed of an even number of youth, the minimum number of whom shall be 12. Except as provided in paragraph (3), each member shall serve a two-year term. No member shall serve more than three terms.

(2) Selection Process for Membership of the Board Following the Initial Membership- The Director shall design an application and selection process to fill the initial membership of the Board. Political affiliation or views may not be taken into account in such application and selection process and relatives of elected officials shall not be eligible for membership. When making selections for membership, the Director shall give priority to the following:

(A) Individuals who are 14 to 24 years of age with current or previous service in a State or local entity with duties similar to the Board. If a member is appointed at age 23 or 24, they will serve one term.

(B) Disadvantaged youth.

(C) Youth whose selection enables the Board to reflect the diversity of the country.

(3) Selection Process for Membership of the Board Following the Initial Membership- The initial membership of the Board shall design an application and selection process to fill the membership of the Board for those terms following the term of the initial membership. Such application and selection process shall ensure that Board members select the membership that will follow that Board membership's term and, notwithstanding the two-

year term requirement in paragraph (1), such application process shall ensure that not more than half of the terms of Board members expire in a given year.

(4) Chairperson- The initial membership of the Board shall elect two members as co-chairs of the Board. Co-chairs shall serve a term of one year and the Board shall elect new co-chairs as vacancies arise.

(5) Meetings- The Board shall meet in person not fewer than four times each year. The Director shall request members of the National Youth Development Council and other senior Federal Government officials to attend each of the four meetings, including requesting that the Council attend one of the four meetings. The co-chairs of the Board may call additional meetings online and by telephone as determined necessary by the co-chairs.

(6) Duties- The Board shall--

(A) advise the President, the heads of Federal departments and agencies providing youth services, and other senior Federal Government officials on proposed and pending legislation, budget expenditures, and other policy matters with respect to youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;

(B) work in partnership with State Youth Advisory Boards and similar local organizations to solicit the views and perspectives of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, with respect to youth services;

(C) prepare written input into each section of the Strategy outlining the views and perspectives of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, with respect to youth services; this written input will be incorporated into, and published with, each section of the Strategy.

(D) provide the Director evaluations of the staff support and training and technical assistance the Board has received.

(7) Procedures- The membership of the Board shall, in consultation with the Director, determine the procedures of the Board.

(8) Staff Support and Training and Technical Assistance- The Director shall make available, directly or through the funding of eligible organizations, the staff support and training and technical assistance necessary for the Board to fulfill the duties of the Board.

Section 5. General Provisions.

(a) The White House Office shall provide the Office, Council, and Board with such funding and administrative support, to the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations, as directed by the Chief of Staff to the President to carry out the provisions of this order.

(b) This order does not alter the existing authorities or roles of executive branch departments, agencies, or offices. Nothing in this order shall supersede any requirement made by or under law.

(c) This order does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, against the United States, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.