

194A.092 Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services.

The Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services is hereby created and established within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The office shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the secretary.

- (1) The division's duties, rights, and responsibilities shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - (a) Provide coordinative functions so that no services funded or provided by state government agencies are duplicative so as to ensure the greatest efficiency in the use of resources and funding, and to ensure that a consistent philosophy underlies all efforts undertaken by the administration in initiatives related to child abuse, domestic violence, and rape or sexual assault;
 - (b) Coordinate the legislative efforts of the administration related to child abuse, domestic violence and rape or sexual assault which shall include drafting legislative proposals and providing input to the secretary on the impact of legislation proposed by other agencies and government branches;
 - (c) Provide training and consultation to programs provided or funded by the state which provide services to victims of child abuse, domestic violence, rape or sexual assault, and other crimes;
 - (d) In conjunction with staff from the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and other staff within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and with input from direct service providers throughout Kentucky, develop standards of care for victim and offender services provided or funded by the state;
 - (e) Design and implement research programs which attend to the quality of victim-related services;
 - (f) Provide consultation on the development of budgets for the rape crisis, child abuse, and domestic violence programs funded by the state;
 - (g) Provide recommendations to the Governor and to the Secretaries of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, related to the improvement and expansion of victim services provided or funded by these agencies; and
 - (h) Undertake new and progressive initiatives to improve and enhance the delivery of services to victims of child abuse, domestic violence, and rape or sexual assault.
- (2) The director may, at the request of the Governor or any secretary, serve as a designee on boards, commissions, task forces, or other committees addressing child abuse, domestic violence, and rape or sexual assault.

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