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Administration on Children, Youth and Families; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

This notice amends Part K of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children and Families (ACF) as follows: Chapter KB, Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) (56 FR 42336), as last amended, August 27, 1991; and KH, Office of Family Assistance (OFA) (56 FR 42343), as last amended, August 27, 1991. This reorganization will establish the Child Care Bureau within the ACYF to administer the child care policy and operational presently administered within ACF.

1. Amend Chapter KB as follows:

a. KB.00 Mission. Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

KB.00 Mission. The Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) advises the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, on matters relating to the sound development of children, youth, and families by planning, developing and implementing a broad range of activities. It administers state grant programs under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act; administers child care programs authorized under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act; manages the Adoption Opportunities program and other discretionary programs for the development and provision of child welfare services; and administers discretionary grant programs providing Head Start services and facilities for runaway youth. ACYF administers the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and the Child Care and Development Block Grant. It supports and encourages services which prevent or remedy the effects of abuse and/or neglect of children and youth.

In concert with other components of ACF, the ACYF develops and implements research, demonstration and evaluation strategies for the discretionary funding of activities designed to improve and enrich the lives of children and youth and to strengthen families. It administers Child Welfare Services training and Child Welfare services research and demonstration programs authorized by

title IV-B of the Social Security Act; administers the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act authorized by title III of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act; and manages initiatives to involve the private and voluntary sectors in the areas of children, youth and families.

b. KB.10 Organization. Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

KB.10 Organization. The Administration on Children, Youth and Families is headed by a Commissioner who reports directly to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families and consists of:

Office of the Commissioner (KBA)
Division of Program Evaluation (KBB)
Head Start Bureau (KBC)
Program Operations Division (KBC 1)
Program Support Division (KBC 2)
Children's Bureau (KBD)
Child Welfare Division (KBD 1)
Family and Youth Services Bureau (KBE)

Program Operations Division (KBE 1)
Program Support Division (KBE 2)
National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (KBF)

Program Policy and Planning Division (KBF 1)

Clearinghouse Division (KBF 2)

Child Care Bureau (KBG)

Program Operations Division (KBG 1)
Policy Division (KBG 2)

c. Delete paragraph D2. "Child Care Division" in its entirety.

d. Add paragraph G. Add the following to establish paragraph G:

G. Child Care Bureau serves as the principal advisor to the Commissioner on issues regarding child care programs. It has primary responsibility for the operation of all child care programs authorized under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act including AFDC Child Care, Transitional Child Care and At-Risk Child Care; the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CC&DBG); and the Dependent Care Planning and Development Grant. It develops legislative, regulatory and budgetary proposals; presents operational planning objectives and initiatives related to child care to the Office of the Commissioner; and oversees the progress of approved activities. It provides leadership and coordination for child care within the ACF. It provides leadership and linkages with other agencies on child care issues including agencies within DHHS, relevant agencies across the federal, state, local governments and tribal governments, and non-government organizations at the federal, state and local levels.

1. The Program Operations Division develops, collects and maintains a data

base of grantee reports on the operation of the child care programs; monitors grantee programs in coordination with the regions; provides technical assistance to regional offices, States, Tribes and Territories concerning child care program operations; tracks financial and budget information relating to the child care programs; establishes partnerships with public and private entities to improve access to quality child care; tracks child care research; and compiles the annual report to Congress.

The Program Operations Division develops and maintains a resource center for child care information; prepares background material, fact sheets, and articles to provide information to regional offices, grantees and the general public; acts as a national clearinghouse for child care information; responds to requests for information about child care; plans conferences; coordinates the identification and dissemination of successful/best practices for the Child Care Bureau; and coordinates program activities with other government and non-government agencies.

2. The Policy Division develops, interprets and issues national policies, regulations, and standards governing child care programs administered by the Child Care Bureau. The Policy Division provides clarification of the statutes, regulations and policies; issues action transmittals and information memoranda; recommends and drafts legislative proposals; prepares briefing materials for hearings and testimony; updates the child care plan preprints; reviews and acts on annual applications from States, Tribes and Territories in coordination with the regions; maintains a data base of grantee plans; researches child care policy issues; coordinates policies and procedures with other agencies such as HCFA, IRS and FNS; and provides policy training, guidance and clarification to Regional Offices in carrying out policy functions.

2. Amend Chapter KH as follows:

a. KH.00 Mission. Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

KH.00 Mission. The Office of Family Assistance (OFA) advises the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, on matters relating to public assistance and economic self-sufficiency programs. The Office provides leadership, direction, and technical guidance to the nationwide administration of the following programs: Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled in Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, the Emergency Assistance