

Children’s Councils in Other States

Purpose: To fulfill the Council's third charge of reviewing the work of bodies similar to the Children's Council operating in other states to identify promising practices and focus areas for the Children's Council's work

Methodology: The Program Evaluation Division researched other states’ programs using published data from the Forum for Youth Investment's Children's Cabinet Networks, conducting phone interviews with program and policy directors of other state programs, and consulting national experts.

Work Product: Exhibit 2 summarizes existing entities in other states performing work similar to the Children's Council and details each entities’

- state location,
- name,
- year of establishment,
- authorizing act,
- organizational location within its respective state government,
- mission or scope, and
- target population.

In total, 48 entities in other states that are performing work similar to North Carolina's Children's Council were identified.

Exhibit 2: Children’s Councils in Other States

State	Entity Name	Est.	Authorization	Location	Mission or Scope	Target Population
Alabama	Children's Cabinet	2016	Executive Order	Governor's Office	No identified mission statement	Birth through high school
Arizona	Council on Child Safety and Family Empowerment	2015	Executive Order	Governor's Office	Align, leverage, and coordinate faith-based and community resources to solve challenges faced by children and families within the child welfare system and provide additional support to strengthen families that are caring for foster and adopted children	Youth and families
Arkansas	Children and Family Services Advocacy Council	2014	Charter	Dept. of Human Services	Keep children safe and help families	Youth and families
California	Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention	1988	State Statute	Dept. of Developmental Services	Promote and enhance a coordinated family service system for infants and toddlers, birth to three years, who are at risk or who have a developmental delay or disability, and their families, utilizing and encouraging a family-centered approach, family-professional partnerships, and interagency collaboration	Infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families
Colorado	Early Childhood Leadership Commission	2013	Federal Law	Dept. of Human Services	Ensure and advance a comprehensive service delivery system for pregnant women and children from birth to eight years of age using data to improve decision-making, alignment, and coordination among federally funded and state-funded services and programs for pregnant women and young children and their families	Birth to 8 years
Connecticut	Commission on Women, Children, and Seniors	2016	State Statute	Legislature	Research best practices, coordinate stakeholders, and promote public policies that are in the best interest of underserved and underrepresented women, children, and older adults	Children, women, and elderly
Florida	Children and Youth Cabinet	2007	State Statute	Governor's Office	Ensure that public policy relating to children and youth promotes interdepartmental collaboration and program implementation in order for services designed for children and youth to be planned, managed, and delivered in a holistic and integrated manner to improve the self-sufficiency, safety, economic stability, health, and quality of life of all children and youth	Prenatal through adulthood

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Georgia	Children's Cabinet	2019	Executive Order	Dept. of Early Care and Learning	Support a sustainable and comprehensive system of education and care to better serve children and families in a more coordinated and efficient manner	Birth through high school
Illinois	Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth	2016	Executive Order	Governor's Office	Drive strategic vision for achieving child and family outcomes and long-term prospects for the future workforce	Youth to 25 years
Illinois	Children and Family Services Advisory Council	2016	State Statute	Dept. of Children and Family Services	No identified mission statement	All individuals under departmental care
Illinois	Child Welfare Advisory Council	1999	Executive Order	Dept. of Children and Family Services	Advise the Dept. of Children and Family Services on matters concerning the provision and purchasing of public child welfare services and provide a forum to jointly identify and address emerging program and policy issues	Children and families
Indiana	Commission on Improving the Status of Children	2013	State Statute	Independent	Improve the status of children	Prenatal to 23 years
Iowa	Collaboration for Youth Development Council	1999	State Statute	Dept. of Human Rights	Ensure youth will be safe, healthy, successful, and prepared for adulthood	Ages 6 through 21
Iowa	Early Childhood State Board	2010	State Statute	Dept. of Management	Promote a vision for a comprehensive early care, education, health, and human services system	Birth to 5 years
Kansas	Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund	1999	State Statute	Dept. of Education	Improve the well-being of children and youth	Children and youth
Kentucky	Early Childhood Advisory Council	2012	Executive Order	Governor's Office	Build upon existing resources, foster public-private partnerships, ensure collaborative planning and implementation, and mobilize communities to support and strengthen families, assure children grow and develop to their fullest potential, provide high quality, accessible, affordable early care and education options, and promote public awareness of the importance of the first years	Early childhood
Louisiana	Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council	2014	State Statute	Dept. of Education	Provide guidance to the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Louisiana Dept. of Education on matters related to early childhood care and education	Birth to 5 years

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Louisiana	Children's Cabinet	1992	State Statute	Governor's Office	Achieve the most effective and efficient use of monetary, human, and organizational resources to lift children and their families out of poverty	Birth to 17 years
Maine	Children's Cabinet	1996	State Statute	Governor's Office	Provide cross-agency coordination, high-level leadership, and program and policy development with a common mission to measurably improve the well-being of children, youth, and families through evidence-based practices and strength-base approaches to positive child and youth development	Birth to 24 years
Maryland	Children's Cabinet	1987	State Statute	Governor's Office	Provide a coordinated, comprehensive, interagency approach to the development of a continuum of care that is family and child-oriented and that emphasizes prevention, early intervention, and community-based services for all children and families with special attention to at-risk populations	Birth through postsecondary
Massachusetts	Interagency Child Welfare Task Force	2008	State Statute	Dept. of Health and Human Services	No identified mission statement	Unknown
Minnesota	Children's Cabinet	1993	State Statute and Executive Order	Governor's Office	No identified mission statement	Birth to 18 years
Mississippi	Early Childhood Advisory Council	2007	State Statute	Governor's Office	Work through committees with a focus on early learning and care, health, mental health, nutrition, and family support	Birth to school entry
Missouri	Coordinating Board for Early Childhood	2004	State Statute	Independent	Ensure early childhood programs and services are comprehensive, coordinated, accessible, adequately funded, and of the highest quality to meet the needs of and to promote the well-being of all young children and their families by developing key partnerships, building collaborative strategies, and ensuring equal access to necessary resources, resulting in the implementation of an effective and sustainable early childhood system	Birth to 5 years
Montana	Child and Family Services Advisory Council	1996	State Statute	Dept. of Public Health and Human Services	Keep children safe and families strong by advising staff in establishing priorities and implementing and reviewing services from the perspective of the areas represented by the individual council members and the needs of local communities	Minors

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Nebraska	Children's Commission	2012	State Statute	Independent	Working collaboratively with the three branches of government and among state, local, community, public, and private stakeholders to enhance practices and programs to improve the safety and well-being of children and families	Birth through postsecondary
Nebraska	Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council	2000	State Statute	Independent	Advise and assist collaborating agencies in carrying out the provisions of state and federal statutes pertaining to early childhood care and education initiatives under state supervision	Birth to 5 years
New Hampshire	Spark NH Early Childhood Advisory Council	2011	Executive Order	Independent Non-Profit	Provide leadership that promotes a comprehensive, coordinated, sustainable early childhood system that achieves positive outcomes for young children and families	Birth to 10 years
New Jersey	Council for Young Children	2010	Executive Order	Dept. of Education	Assure collaboration and coordination among the various early childhood programs	Birth to 5 years
New York	Council on Children and Families	1977	State Statute	Independent	Coordinate health, education, and human services systems as a means to provide more effective systems of care for children and families	Birth through postsecondary
New York	Early Childhood Advisory Council	2009	State Statute	Council on Children and Families	Provide strategic direction and advice on early childhood issues by monitoring and guiding the implementation of a range of strategies and support building a comprehensive and sustainable early childhood system that will ensure success for all young children	Birth to 10 years
North Dakota	Children's Cabinet	2019	State Statute	Legislature	Assess, guide, and coordinate the care for children across the state's branches of government and the tribal nations	Unknown
Ohio	Family and Children First Cabinet Council	1993	State Statute	Independent	Streamline and coordinate government services for children and families	Birth through high school and families
Oklahoma	Early Childhood Advisory Council	2003	State Statute	Independent, Non-Governmental	Coordinate an early childhood system that strengthens families and ensures all children are ready for school	Birth to 5 years
Oklahoma	Commission on Children and Youth Smart Start	1982	State Statute	Dept. of Human Services	Improve services to children by planning, coordinating, and communicating with communities and between public and private agencies; monitor the children and youth service system; test models and demonstration programs for effective services	Birth to 18 years
Oregon	Youth Development Council	2012	State Statute	Governor's Office	Assist with the oversight of a unified system that provides services to school-age children through 20 years of age in a manner that supports academic success, reduces criminal involvement, and is integrated, measurable, and accountable	Ages 5 through 20 years

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Rhode Island	Children's Cabinet	1991	State Statute	Governor's Office	Provide the overarching leadership and holistic approach necessary to improve the well-being of children and youth to ensure they have opportunities for safe, healthy, and bright futures	Birth to 10 years
Rhode Island	Early Learning Council	2010	Federal Law	Independent	Improve early learning and development outcomes for children from birth through age 8 by ensuring that more children, particularly from low-income and vulnerable families, participate in high-quality early learning programs	Birth to 8 years
Tennessee	Commission on Children and Youth	1988	State Statute	Independent	Advocate to improve the quality of life for children and families and provide leadership and support for child advocates	Birth through postsecondary and families
Texas	Policy Council for Children and Families	2016	State Statute	Health and Human Services Commission	Improve the coordination, quality, efficiency, and outcomes of services provided to children with disabilities and their families through the state's health, education, and human services systems	Birth through postsecondary and families
Utah	Early Childhood Utah Advisory Council	2011	Executive Order	Dept. of Health	Promote broad statewide coordination and collaboration among a wide range of early childhood programs and services to ensure that children enter school healthy and ready to learn	Birth to 8 years
Vermont	Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council	2010	State Statute	Independent	Work towards an early childhood system where partners work together with shared vision, action, and shared accountability; where regional tables are set for communities to problem solve, coordinate, and take action; where data drives decision making; and where sensible state policy is informed by the wisdom of communities	Birth to 6 years
Virginia	Governor's Children's Cabinet	2018	Executive Order	Governor's Office	No identified mission statement	Birth to 5 years
Washington	Early Learning Advisory Council	2007	State Statute	Dept. of Children, Youth, and Families	Protect children and strengthen families so they flourish	Birth to 10 years and families
West Virginia	Early Childhood Advisory Council	2010	Executive Order	Dept. of Education and the Arts	Create a high-quality, coordinated system of services that supports early childhood development	Birth to 5 years
West Virginia	Commission to Study Residential Placement of Children	2005	State Statute	Dept. of Health and Human Resources	Achieve systemic reform by which all child-serving agencies involved in the residential placement of at-risk youth jointly and continually study, improve, and make recommendations regarding funding, statutory, regulatory, and policy changes	Youth and families

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Wisconsin	Early Childhood Advisory Council	2008	Executive Order	Governor's Office	Help ensure that all children and families have access to quality early childhood programs and services	Birth to 10 years and families
Wyoming	Early Childhood Advisory Council	2000	Executive Order	Dept. of Family Services	Serve children and families by facilitating statewide collaboration, evaluating the early childhood system, and making recommendations to the Governor, lawmakers, and state agencies	Birth to 10 years

Source: Program Evaluation Division based on the Forum for Youth Investment's website on Children's Cabinet Networks and follow up with individual states.