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DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.98] (Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

PART 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS [18000 - 18999.98] (Part 6 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

CHAPTER 12.8. Interagency Children's Services Act [18986 - 18986.30] (Chapter 12.8 added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 1303, Sec. 1.)

ARTICLE 2. County Interagency Collaboration [18986.10 - 18986.15] (Article 2 added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 1303, Sec. 1.)

18986.10. The board of supervisors of any county or city and county may establish an interagency children's services coordination council.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 1303, Sec. 1.)

18986.11. A council shall be comprised of, but not be limited to, the following members:

(a) Persons responsible for management of the following county functions:

(1) Alcohol and drug programs.

(2) Children's services.

(3) Housing and redevelopment.

(4) Mental health services.

(5) Probation.

(6) Public health services.

(7) Welfare or public social services.

(b) The presiding judge of the county's juvenile court.

(c) The superintendent of the county office of education and at least one superintendent of a unified school district within the county.

(d) A prosecuting attorney of the county or city and county.

(e) A representative of a private nonprofit corporation which has a goal of entering into a public private partnership with the county to meet the needs of children that are not adequately met by existing public or private funds.

(f) One member of the county board of supervisors.

(g) A representative of law enforcement.

(h) A representative of the local child abuse council.

(i) A representative of a local planning agency participating in the California Early Intervention Program pursuant to Subchapter VIII (commencing with Section 1471) of Chapter 33 of Title 20 of the United States Code.

(j) A representative of the local child care resource and referral agency or other local child care coordinating group.

(k) A representative, or representatives, of one or more community-based organizations with ties to the ethnic communities served in the area.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 552, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 1993.)

18986.12. (a) The council shall convene monthly and shall, in addition, convene at least two public meetings annually inviting public testimony.

(b) Meetings of the council shall be convened by an executive director who is appointed by the county board of supervisors.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 1303, Sec. 1.)

18986.13. The county board of supervisors may designate an existing, duly established interagency children's services coordinating body as the county's interagency children's services coordination council as authorized by Section 18986.10. However, the membership, responsibilities, and duties of that existing body shall be modified by the board as necessary to conform to the requirements of this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 1303, Sec. 1.)

18986.14. The council's duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Ensuring collaboration and countywide planning for the provision of children's services.

(b) Identifying those agencies that have a significant joint responsibility in providing services to children and families.

(c) Identifying gaps in services to specific populations.

(d) Developing policies and setting priorities to ensure service effectiveness.

(e) Implementing public and private collaborative programs whenever possible.

(f) Providing for countywide interagency case management to coordinate resources, especially for those children and their families who are using the services of more than one agency concurrently.

(g) Identify, coordinate with, and, where feasible, integrate with existing children's services groups and other coordinating bodies.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 1303, Sec. 1.)

18986.15. Each county wishing to participate under this chapter shall develop a three-year program for phasing in a coordinated children's services system.

(a) A plan for coordinated children's services may include proposals to combine and coordinate services to one or more of the following special populations of children provided by two or more existing local service agencies:

(1) Abused or neglected children and those at risk of abuse or neglect.

(2) Children in foster care or at risk of entering foster care.

(3) Children requiring mental health services.

(4) Children needing health care services delivered by local maternal and child health services, including, but not limited to, services provided under the California Children's Services Program, the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, and perinatal services.

(5) Delinquent, status offender, and homeless minors.

(6) Minors in need of job training and placement services.

(7) School dropouts, or those at risk of dropping out.

(8) Infants born with identified drug dependencies and children with known histories of substance abuse.

(9) Children with developmental disabilities.

(10) Children in need of preschool or child care services.

(b) Plans shall include all of the following:

(1) Use of existing service capabilities within the various agencies currently serving children's needs in the county.

(2) Interagency collaboration and program consolidation among publicly and privately funded agencies providing services to children.

(3) Appropriate interagency protocols and agreements.

(4) Services for the most vulnerable or at-risk children.

(5) Services which permit children to reside in their usual family setting whenever possible and in their best interest.

(6) Components designed to promote an effective case management system.

(7) Estimates of cost benefits and cost avoidance of the program proposal.

(8) A specific list of the benefits to children under the plan, including objective measures of successful outcome and program effectiveness.

(c) No later than July 1 of each year, any county that wishes to participate pursuant to this chapter shall submit to the county board of supervisors a program proposal for the development of a coordinated system of children's services.

(Amended by Stats. 1991, Ch. 994, Sec. 5.)