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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 12.5. Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council Act [18980 - 18983.8]** ( Chapter 12.5 added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 603, Sec. 1. )

**ARTICLE 2. Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Councils [18982 - 18982.4]** ( Article 2 added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 603, Sec. 1. )

**18982.** A child abuse prevention coordinating council is a community council whose primary purpose is to coordinate the community's efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 603, Sec. 1. Effective September 21, 1989.)

**18982.1.** Councils funded by this chapter shall encourage representatives from the following:

(a) Public child welfare services, including the following:

- (1) The county welfare or children's services department.
- (2) The probation department.
- (3) Licensing agencies.

(b) The criminal justice system, including the following:

- (1) Law enforcement.
- (2) The office of the district attorney.
- (3) The courts.
- (4) The coroner.

(c) Prevention and treatment services communities, including the following:

- (1) Medical and mental health services.
- (2) Community-based social services.
- (3) Public and private schools.

(d) Community representatives, including the following:

- (1) Community volunteers.
- (2) Civic organizations.
- (3) The religious community.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 603, Sec. 1. Effective September 21, 1989.)

**18982.2.** The functions of a council shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) To provide a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment, and legal processing of child abuse cases.
- (b) To promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children and the resources available for intervention and treatment.
- (c) To encourage and facilitate training of professionals in the detection, treatment, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- (d) To recommend improvements in services to families and victims.
- (e) To encourage and facilitate community support for child abuse and neglect programs.

*(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 603, Sec. 1. Effective September 21, 1989.)*

**18982.3.** Councils may form committees to carry out specific functions, such as the following:

- (a) Interagency coordination committees.
- (b) Multidisciplinary personnel teams.
- (c) Professional training committees.
- (d) Public awareness committees.
- (e) Service improvement committees.
- (f) Advocacy committees.
- (g) Fundraising committees.

*(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 603, Sec. 1. Effective September 21, 1989.)*

**18982.4.** The multidisciplinary personnel team provisions of subdivision (l) of Section 5328, subdivision (d) of Section 18951, and Section 18961 shall apply to child abuse prevention coordinating councils funded under this chapter.

*(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 603, Sec. 1. Effective September 21, 1989.)*