

(20 ILCS 505/17) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017)

Sec. 17. Youth and Community Services Program. The Department of Human Services shall develop a State program for youth and community services which will assure that youth who come into contact or may come into contact with the child welfare and the juvenile justice systems will have access to needed community, prevention, diversion, emergency and independent living services. The term "youth" means a person under the age of 19 years. The term "homeless youth" means a youth who cannot be reunited with his or her family and is not in a safe and stable living situation. This Section shall not be construed to require the Department of Human Services to provide services under this Section to any homeless youth who is at least 18 years of age but is younger than 19 years of age; however, the Department may, in its discretion, provide services under this Section to any such homeless youth.

community;

(2) eliminate unnecessary categorical funding of programs by funding more comprehensive and integrated programs;

(3) encourage local volunteers and voluntary associations in developing programs aimed at preventing and controlling juvenile delinquency;

(4) address voids in services and close service gaps;

(5) develop program models aimed at strengthening the relationships between youth and their families and aimed at developing healthy, independent lives for homeless youth;

(6) contain costs by redirecting funding to more comprehensive and integrated community-based services; and

(7) coordinate education, employment, training and other programs for youths with other State agencies.

(b) The duties of the Department under the program shall be to:

(1) design models for service delivery by local communities;

(2) test alternative systems for delivering youth services;

(3) develop standards necessary to achieve and maintain, on a statewide basis, more comprehensive and integrated community-based youth services;

(4) monitor and provide technical assistance to local boards and local service systems;

(5) assist local organizations in developing programs which address the problems of youths and their families through direct services, advocacy with institutions, and improvement of local conditions; and

(6) develop a statewide adoption awareness campaign aimed at pregnant teenagers.

(Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-1) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-1)

Sec. 17a-1. (Repealed).

(Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97. Repealed by P.A. 91-798, eff. 7-9-00.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-2) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-2)

Sec. 17a-2. Local boards and service systems; Department of Human Services. The Department of Human Services shall promulgate regulations for the establishment and recognition of service areas and local boards or local service systems responsible for the development or coordination of more comprehensive and integrated community-based youth services. Such service areas, local boards and local service systems shall be reviewed every 4 years. Any entity formed in conformity with the regulations of the Department desiring recognition as a local board or local service system for a service area may apply to the Department for such recognition. The Department may refuse to renew or may withdraw recognition of a service area, local board or local service system if such area, board or system substantially fails to comply with the regulations and minimum service requirements promulgated by the Department under this Section. The Department shall assist in the organization and establishment of local service systems and may provide for community youth services in any area of the State where no recognized local board or local services system exists.

(Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-3) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-3)

Sec. 17a-3. Annual community youth service plan; Department of Human Services. Each local board or local service system shall, in conformity with regulations of the Department of Human Services, prepare an annual community youth service plan and annual budget to implement the community youth service plan. Such plans shall be transmitted to the regional youth planning committees and included in a regional youth service plan. Each plan shall demonstrate, at a minimum, the following components of a youth service system: (a) community needs assessment and resource development; (b) case management (including case review, tracking, service evaluation and networking); (c) accountability; (d) staff development; (e) consultation with and technical assistance for providers; and (f) assurance of the availability of the following: (i) community services, including primary prevention, outreach and recreational opportunities, and the use of indigenous community volunteers to provide programs designed to correct conditions contributing to delinquency; (ii) diversion services, including client advocacy, family counseling, employment and educational assistance and service brokerage; (iii) emergency services,

including 24-hours crisis intervention and shelter care; (iv) comprehensive independent living services, including outreach, referral for public assistance or other benefits to which homeless youth may be entitled, emergency shelter care homes, transitional support programs in a residential setting, outward bound experiences and transitional independent living skills support, in a non-residential facility, with special emphasis on youth employment and training opportunities; and (v) mental health services. Each component of the annual community youth service plan shall expressly address the following high-risk populations: homeless youth, pregnant youth and youth who are parents. (Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-4) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-4)

Sec. 17a-4. Grants for community-based youth services; Department of Human Services.

(a) The Department of Human Services shall make grants for the purpose of planning, establishing, operating, coordinating and evaluating programs aimed at reducing or eliminating the involvement of youth in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. The programs shall include those providing for more comprehensive and integrated community-based youth services including Unified Delinquency Intervention Services programs and for community services programs. The Department may authorize advance disbursement of funds for such youth services programs. When the appropriation for "comprehensive community-based service to youth" is equal to or exceeds \$5,000,000, the Department shall allocate the total amount of such appropriated funds in the following manner:

(1) no more than 20% of the grant funds appropriated shall be awarded by the Department for new program development and innovation;

(2) not less than 80% of grant funds appropriated shall be allocated to community-based youth services programs based upon population of youth under 18 years of age and other demographic variables defined by the Department of Human Services by rule, which may include weighting for service priorities relating to special needs identified in the annual plans of the regional youth planning committees established under this Act;

(3) if any amount so allocated under paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) remains unobligated such funds shall be reallocated in a manner equitable and consistent with the purpose of paragraph (2) of this subsection (a); and

(4) the local boards or local service systems shall certify prior to receipt of grant funds from the Department of Human Services that a 10% local public or private financial or in-kind commitment is allocated to supplement the State grant.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision in this Act or rules promulgated under this Act to the contrary, unless expressly prohibited by federal law or regulation, all individuals, corporations, or other entities that provide medical or mental health services, whether organized as

for-profit or not-for-profit entities, shall be eligible for consideration by the Department of Human Services to participate in any program funded or administered by the Department. This subsection shall not apply to the receipt of federal funds administered and transferred by the Department for services when the federal government has specifically provided that those funds may be received only by those entities organized as not-for-profit entities.
(Source: P.A. 89-392, eff. 8-20-95; 89-507, eff. 7-1-97; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-5) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-5)

Sec. 17a-5. The Department of Human Services shall be successor to the Department of Children and Family Services in the latter Department's capacity as successor to the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission in the functions of that Commission relating to juvenile justice and the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 as amended, and shall have the powers, duties and functions specified in this Section relating to juvenile justice and the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended.

(1) Definitions. As used in this Section:

(a) "juvenile justice system" means all activities by public or private agencies or persons pertaining to the handling of youth involved or having contact with the police, courts or corrections;

(b) "unit of general local government" means any county, municipality or other general purpose political subdivision of this State;

(c) "Commission" means the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission provided for in Section 17a-9 of this Act.

(2) Powers and Duties of Department. The Department of Human Services shall serve as the official State Planning Agency for juvenile justice for the State of Illinois and in that capacity is authorized and empowered to discharge any and all responsibilities imposed on such bodies by the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended, specifically the deinstitutionalization of status offenders, separation of juveniles and adults in municipal and county jails, removal of juveniles from county and municipal jails and monitoring of compliance with these mandates. In furtherance thereof, the Department has the powers and duties set forth in paragraphs 3 through 15 of this Section:

(3) To develop annual comprehensive plans based on analysis of juvenile crime problems and juvenile justice and delinquency prevention needs in the State, for the improvement of juvenile justice throughout the State, such plans to be in accordance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended;

(4) To define, develop and correlate programs and projects relating to administration of juvenile justice for the State and units of general local government within the State or for combinations of such units for improvement in law enforcement:

(5) To advise, assist and make recommendations to the Governor as

to how to achieve a more efficient and effective juvenile justice system;

(6) To act as a central repository for federal, State, regional and local research studies, plans, projects, and proposals relating to the improvement of the juvenile justice system;

(7) To act as a clearing house for information relating to all aspects of juvenile justice system improvement;

(8) To undertake research studies to aid in accomplishing its purposes;

(9) To establish priorities for the expenditure of funds made available by the United States for the improvement of the juvenile justice system throughout the State;

(10) To apply for, receive, allocate, disburse, and account for grants of funds made available by the United States pursuant to the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended; and such other similar legislation as may be enacted from time to time in order to plan, establish, operate, coordinate, and evaluate projects directly or through grants and contracts with public and private agencies for the development of more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency and programs to improve the juvenile justice system;

(11) To insure that no more than the maximum percentage of the total annual State allotment of juvenile justice funds be utilized for the administration of such funds;

(12) To provide at least 66-2/3 per centum of funds received by the State under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended, are expended through:

(a) programs of units of general local government or combinations thereof, to the extent such programs are consistent with the State plan; and

(b) programs of local private agencies, to the extent such programs are consistent with the State plan;

(13) To enter into agreements with the United States government which may be required as a condition of obtaining federal funds;

(14) To enter into contracts and cooperate with units of general local government or combinations of such units, State agencies, and private organizations of all types, for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Department imposed by this Section or by federal law or regulations;

(15) To exercise all other powers that are reasonable and necessary to fulfill its functions under applicable federal law or to further the purposes of this Section.

(Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-6) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-6)

Sec. 17a-6. (A) Personnel exercising the rights, powers and duties in the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission that are transferred to the Department of Children and Family Services are transferred to the Department of Children and Family Services. However, the rights of the employees, the State and its agencies under the Personnel Code or any

collective bargaining agreement, or under any pension, retirement or annuity plan shall not be affected by the provisions of this amendatory Act.

(B) All books, records, papers, documents, property (real or personal), unexpended appropriations and pending business in any way pertaining to the rights, powers and duties transferred from the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission to the Department of Children and Family Services shall be delivered and transferred to the Department of Children and Family Services.

(C) The provisions of subsections (A) and (B) of this Section are superseded by the applicable transfer and savings provisions of the Department of Human Services Act.

(Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-7) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-7)

Sec. 17a-7. Units of General Local Government - Agreements for Funds. Units of general local government may apply for, receive, disburse, allocate and account for grants of funds made available by the United States government, or by the State of Illinois, particularly including grants made available pursuant to the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, including subsequent amendments or reenactments, if any: and may enter into agreements with the Department or with the United States government which may be required as a condition of obtaining federal or State funds, or both. (Source: P.A. 82-975.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-8) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-8)

Sec. 17a-8. Agreements for Cooperative Action by Units of General Local Government. Any two or more units of general local government may enter into agreements with one another for joint cooperative action for the purpose of applying for, receiving, disbursing, allocating and accounting for grants of funds made available by the United States government pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, including subsequent amendments or reenactments, if any; and for any State funds made available for that purpose. Such agreements shall include the proportion and amount of funds which shall be supplied by each participating unit of general local government. Such agreements may include provisions for the designation of treasurer or comparable employee of one of the units to serve as collection and disbursement officer for all of the units in connection with a grant-funded program.

(Source: P.A. 82-975.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-9) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-9)

Sec. 17a-9. Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission. There is hereby created the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission which shall consist of

25 persons appointed by the Governor. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor. Of the initial appointees, 8 shall serve a one-year term, 8 shall serve a two-year term and 9 shall serve a three-year term. Thereafter, each successor shall serve a three-year term. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. Once appointed, members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. Members shall serve without compensation, except they shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses in the performance of their duties. The Commission shall carry out the rights, powers and duties established in subparagraph (3) of paragraph (a) of Section 223 of the Federal "Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974", as now or hereafter amended. The Commission shall determine the priorities for expenditure of funds made available to the State by the Federal Government pursuant to that Act. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) Development, review and final approval of the State's juvenile justice plan for funds under the Federal "Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974";

(2) Review and approve or disapprove juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grant applications to the Department for federal funds under that Act;

(3) Annual submission of recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning matters relative to its function;

(4) Responsibility for the review of funds allocated to Illinois under the "Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974" to ensure compliance with all relevant federal laws and regulations; and

(5) Function as the advisory committee for the State Youth and Community Services Program as authorized under Section 17 of this Act, and in that capacity be authorized and empowered to assist and advise the Secretary of Human Services on matters related to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs and services.

(Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-10) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-10)

Sec. 17a-10. The Department of Human Services may administer unified delinquency intervention services to provide community-based alternatives to commitment to the Department of Corrections of children adjudicated as delinquent minors, and who meet such criteria as established by rules of the Department of Human Services.

(Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-11) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-11)

Sec. 17a-11. Governor's Youth Services Initiative. In cooperation with the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services and the Illinois State Board of Education, the Department of Children and Family Services shall establish the Governor's Youth Services Initiative. This program shall offer assistance to multi-problem youth whose difficulties are not the clear responsibility of any one state agency, and who are referred to the program by the juvenile court. The decision to establish and to maintain an initiative

program shall be based upon the availability of program funds and the overall needs of the service area.

A Policy Board shall be established as the decision-making body of the Governor's Youth Services Initiative. The Board shall be composed of State agency liaisons appointed by the Secretary of Human Services, the Directors of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the State Superintendent of Education. The Board shall meet at least quarterly.

The Department of Children and Family Services may establish a system of regional interagency councils in the various geographic regions of the State to address, at the regional or local level, the delivery of services to multi-problem youth.

The Department of Children and Family Services in consultation with the aforementioned sponsors of the program shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, for the development of initiative programs in densely populated areas of the State to meet the needs of multi-problem youth.

(Source: P.A. 94-696, eff. 6-1-06.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-12) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017a-12)

Sec. 17a-12. (Repealed).

(Source: P.A. 86-1004. Repealed by P.A. 91-60, eff. 6-30-99.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-13)

Sec. 17a-13. The Department shall establish a minimum of 3 citizen review panels for the purpose of evaluating the extent to which public and private agencies are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities as required by the State plan submitted under guidelines of the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

Each citizen review panel shall be composed of volunteer members who are broadly representative of State and community leaders, including members who have expertise in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Existing advisory groups that have been established under State or federal law by the Department may be designated as citizen review panels if they have the capacity to perform the required functions.

(Source: P.A. 91-60, eff. 6-30-99.)

(20 ILCS 505/17a-15)

Sec. 17a-15. Community service programs; Department of Human Services.

(a) The Department of Human Services must establish a program to award grants to area projects to plan, establish, operate, coordinate, and evaluate community services programs. For purposes of this Section, "area project" means an entity whose purpose is to develop, manage, provide, and coordinate a community services program and "community

services program" means a program, based on the Chicago Area Project Model, aimed at changing social, cultural, and environmental conditions that prevent youth and families from maximizing their potential and that place youth in a condition that increases their tendency to become involved in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems.

(b) The Department of Human Services must, by rule, establish the eligibility criteria for an area project, including the composition and responsibilities of the governing authority of an area project, application requirements, service components of community services programs, and the review and monitoring of community services program plans. At a minimum, an area project must be a not-for-profit organization (i) (A) whose preponderance of resources is directed to community services programs that are different than intervention-oriented youth services or (B) that creates through an amendment to its by-laws or other binding agreement a specific body whose purpose is to develop, manage, provide, and coordinate a community services program and (ii) that includes representation from any community committee, as defined by rule of the Department of Human Services, of the area project and may also include business and industry leaders, educators, and other concerned citizens.

(c) The Department of Human Services shall fund community services programs by grants made through negotiated contracts, which are written agreements mutually agreed upon by the Department and the area project. The payment of funds to area projects under the community services program shall be in the form of a grant paid in equal monthly installments. In the event of reduced or insufficient funding, existing grants shall receive proportionate reductions.

(Source: P.A. 93-730, eff. 7-14-04.)

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There shall be established in each county one or more juvenile-family crisis intervention units. Each unit shall operate either as a part of the court intake service, or where provided for by the county, through any other appropriate office or private service pursuant to an agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts, provided that all such units shall be subject to the Rules of Court. In any county where a crisis intervention service system, designed to attend and stabilize juvenile and family problems on a county-wide basis, is in operation as of the effective date of this act, such service shall satisfy all the provisions of this act, and may continue in its present form and under its present procedures, provided that it is operating in substantial compliance with the specific requirements and goals set forth in this act.

L.1982, c. 80, s. 1, eff. Dec. 31, 1983.

2A:4A-77. Call service to attend and stabilize juvenile-family crises; referrals; information; form

The purpose of the unit shall be to provide a continuous 24-hour on call service designed to attend and stabilize juvenile-family crises as defined pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-22). The juvenile-family crisis intervention unit shall respond immediately to any referral, complaint or information made pursuant to section 5 or 6 of this act, except if, upon preliminary investigation, it appears that a juvenile-family crisis

within the meaning of this act does not exist or that an immediate referral to another agency would be more appropriate.

Upon the receipt of any referral pursuant to section 5 and 6 of this act, the crisis intervention unit shall request information through the use of a form developed by the unit and approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts concerning the juvenile-family crisis. The form shall provide but shall not be limited to the following information:

a. The name, address, date of birth, and other appropriate personal data of the juvenile and parents or guardian;

b. Facts concerning the conduct of the juvenile or family which may contribute to the crisis, including evidence of alcoholism as defined in section 2 of P.L.1975, c. 305 (C. 26:2B--8), drug dependency as defined in section 2 of the "New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act," P.L.1970, c. 226 (C. 24:21--2) or that a juvenile is an "abused or neglected child" as defined in P.L.1974, c. 119 (C. 9:6--8.21).

L.1982, c. 80, s. 2, eff. Dec. 31, 1983.

2A:4A-78. Intervention unit response

A crisis intervention response shall consist of immediate interviews with the parents and juvenile involved by one or more crisis intervention workers. Where the juvenile is not in the home, or in the custody of the police, the intervention workers shall attempt to interview the juvenile wherever the juvenile may be found. The juvenile and family shall be advised of the purpose of the unit and of the emphasis upon the voluntary exhaustion of community services prior to court involvement. The unit shall make all reasonable efforts to keep the family intact consistent with the physical safety and mental well-being of the juvenile by obtaining, where possible, written agreement of the family to accept recommendations which may include, but are not limited to, referral to appropriate services and agencies.

L.1982, c. 80, s. 3, eff. Dec. 31, 1983.