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The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet

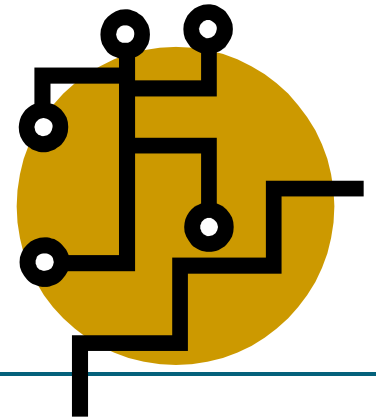
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Statutory Authority and Charge

- **Established in 2007, Section 402.56, Florida Statutes**
- **20 Members**
 - 10 – Executive Agency Leadership
 - 5 – Governor’s Appointees
 - 5 – Ex Officio Members
- **Charge – Promote and Implement Between and Within State Agencies:**
 - Collaboration
 - Creativity
 - Increased Efficiency
 - Information Sharing
 - Improved Service Delivery





Vision and Mission (2007)

■ Vision

- **All children** in Florida grow up **safe, healthy, educated** and **prepared** to meet their full potential.

■ Mission

- Ensure **public policy** of Florida 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 in Florida.



Guiding Principles (2007)

Cabinet Actions Should:

- **Empower Families** to Provide Nurturing, Healthy and Safe Environments
- **Invest in Children's** Health, Safety, Education and Well-Being
- **Align Public Finances, Information Technology, and Human Resources** to Support Children's Healthy Growth and Development
- **Ensure Long-Term Commitment** to At-Risk Children & Youth
- **Improve Family and Child Outcomes**
- **Engage Families, Community, Stakeholders and Businesses** to Improve Child and Family Outcomes



"Safe and Nurtured for a Brighter Future"



Goals (2007)

#1

■ Promote Increased Efficiency and Improved Service Delivery

- ✓ Shared and cohesive **vision**
- ✓ **Communication mech.** to share information and resources
- **Coordinated planning** to promote a continuum of integrated and comprehensive services thru **shared benchmarks, integration of funding streams, and shared data.**
- ✓ **Child and youth budget** structure and nomenclature
- **Identified funding** streams and opportunities
- ✓ **Child and youth impact statement** to **evaluate all proposed legislation appropriations and program proposals**





Goals (2007)

#2

■ Ensure Children Live in Permanent, Safe and Nurturing Environments

- **Strategies and mechanisms to support families** in providing for optimal growth and development of their children and youth
- ✓ **Integrated prevention framework** for communities, state agencies and organizations to collaborate to implement efficient and properly applied **evidence-based child abuse prevention practices**
- **Structures** ensure children have **adequate representation**
- **Policies** to **increase youth success** and **decrease incidence** in **juvenile** and **criminal justice** systems
- **Environmental and policy improvements** reduce risk of **child injury, acquired disease and disease exacerbation**





Goals (2007)

#3

- **Ensure Children have Access to High Quality Preventative, Primary, Specialty and Long-Term Healthcare**
 - **Culturally competent and comprehensive system of quality health care and medical home services**
 - **Policies** that support access to **affordable health insurance for all children**
 - **Child, youth and family health education and injury prevention opportunities**
 - **Supports to transition adolescents into adult health care,** especially those with special needs

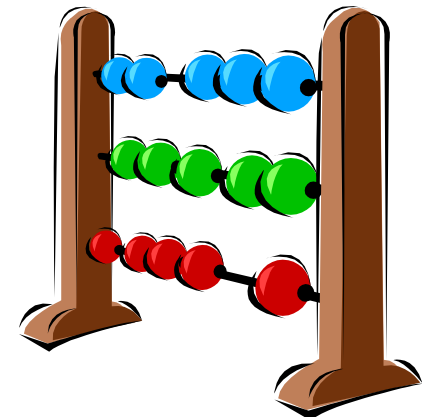




Goals (2007)

#4

- **Assure High-Quality, Seamless, Research-Based Education and Learning Opportunities for all Children**
 - ✓ **Policies and practices** to increase **high quality early learning environments** (birth – three)
 - **Improved Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Program**
 - **Service Coordination and Improvements** to Florida's **K-20 education system**
 - **Mechanisms** for **transition** between **education** and **learning entities** and **systems**





Goals (2007)

#5

- **Build, Allocate and Align Sufficient Resources and Functions to Meet the Goals set forth by the Cabinet**
 - **Public awareness and partnerships to benefit **all children and youth****
 - **Annual Revenue Estimating Conference for **children's funding****
 - ✦ **Identified Gaps and Resources to meet the **health, safety, educational and support needs of children and their families****





Questions, Suggestions, Feedback?





Thank You!

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