

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

long-term placements for children who cannot be returned to their families; and

B. The Subcabinet for Children and Youth [consisting of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Human Resources, Department of Education, Juvenile Services Agency, Office for Children and Youth, and Office for Handicapped Individuals] shall supervise the project and establish policies governing interagency coordination. [The Director of the Governor's Office for Children and Youth] THE CHAIR OF THE SUBCABINET OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH shall [chair] SUPERVISE the [subcabinet] PROJECT and the Department of Human Resources shall be the lead agency for the project.

C. A project Advisory Council shall be established to advise the Subcabinet for Children and Youth and the Department of Human Resources on the progress of the project and how it can best meet its goals. The Advisory Council shall consist of no more than twenty members appointed by the Governor, including representatives of State and local public and private agencies which provide children and family services, the General Assembly, the Judiciary, local governments, advocates for children, and interested private citizens. The Secretary of Human Resources shall be chair of the Council.

D. The pilot project shall be funded by State, federal, local and private funds in accordance with the budget and applicable State or federal laws and regulations.

E. With the assistance of the Subcabinet for Children and Youth, the pilot project shall:

(1) Review State statutes and regulations concerning children and family services and recommend changes believed needed to achieve the goals of the project;

(2) Develop and implement new local service delivery systems in selected areas and then develop plans for extending them promptly throughout the State with Governor's approval;

(3) Develop new policies and procedures for coordinating interagency planning and budgeting for all State child and family service programs which meet the needs of young children and adolescents who are abused, neglected, emotionally disturbed, handicapped, runaways, homeless, abandoned, dependent, delinquent, substance abusers, habitually truant, ungovernable, pregnant, or at-risk of these conditions, and their families; and

(4) Seek to maximize and make most efficient use of all government and private resources available to support