



State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 27

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa should pursue a comprehensive effort to assist recipients of welfare to obtain productive employment, to lead independent lives, and to break the cycle of poverty; and

WHEREAS, the educational and job placement programs and services available to Iowa's welfare recipients are the responsibility of several state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has undertaken a process to revise its programs and participation in welfare; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa must develop a coordinated and efficient mechanism to maximize the utilization of the resources available for Iowa's welfare recipients.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa, do hereby order that:

- I. An Interagency Council is created to analyze and recommend modifications to the state's welfare, job training, and job placement delivery systems; develop policies, procedures and programs which will coordinate those systems; and implement such directives as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this order.
- II. The Council shall consist of six voting members:
 - a. the Director of the Department of Economic Development;
 - b. the Director of the Department of Education;
 - c. the Director of the Department of Employment Services;
 - d. the Director of the Department of Human Rights;
 - e. the Director of the Department of Human Services;
 - f. the Director of the Department of Management; and

- g. such other members as the Governor shall deem appropriate.

The Chair of the Council shall serve at my pleasure.

III. Further, the Council shall undertake the following:

- a. Develop an overall framework for welfare reform in the state by identification of means of cooperation among agencies; identification of barriers to cooperation in state and federal statute, policy and procedure; and promulgation of recommendations on ways to overcome such barriers and enhance cooperation.
- b. Review and analyze the various existing state programs relating to both welfare and job placement and recommend for implementation any changes in them which will support the purposes of this order.
- c. Develop plans to assure that those resources dedicated to assist Iowa's welfare recipients become self-sufficient are effectively and efficiently deployed and coordinated, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - 1. the expansion of the WIN program statewide;
 - 2. incentive awards to local JTPA Service Delivery Areas for serving more ADC clients;
 - 3. mandatory registration of incapacitated welfare recipients with vocational rehabilitation for possible services;
 - 4. mandatory job registration of recipients upon application for welfare benefits;
 - 5. the establishment of a pilot grant diversion program;
 - 6. increased monetary incentives for working;
 - 7. extension of coverage for child care and medical assistance during the initial employment period;
 - 8. development of increased child care resources;
 - 9. intensive job search assistance for all ADC applicants; and
 - 10. coordinated, multi-agency case management.

- d. Cause the implementation of all directives made by the Governor as a result of the deliberations and recommendations of the Council.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here unto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 3rd day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven.



Terry E. Branstad
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Claine Baxter
SECRETARY OF STATE