

Executive Document

Governor's Executive Order Establishing the Business Commission on Child Care.

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Establishing the
Business Commission on Child Care

Whereas, the Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 1, "Child Care Commission Resolution," in the 1999 General Session;

Whereas, in that resolution the Legislature urges the governor to establish a business commission on child care to identify and assess child care needs within the state and develop recommendations to meet those needs, including appropriate financial strategies;

Whereas, the resolution encourages the governor to appoint business leaders to the commission representing a wide range of private enterprise interests within the state; and

Whereas, children and families are fundamental to our collective well-being and our future and deserve society's best, most thoughtful, and most nurturing efforts;

Now, Therefore, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the state of Utah, hereby order the following:

(1) There is created the Business Commission on Child Care within the Department of Workforce Services.

(2) The commission shall:

(a) study and evaluate early child care and education in the state from a business perspective, identifying issues and recommending strategies to address them, including such issues as:

(i) child care access and availability;

(ii) recruitment and retention of employees;

(iii) employee productivity and absenteeism;

(iv) community, public, and private sector involvement, collaboration, and partnerships regarding early child care and education; and

(v) other issues relating to the objectives of supporting families and balancing employment and parenting responsibilities;

(b) develop a long-term plan to assist in financing early care and education, identifying funding streams;

(c) coordinate with other agencies involved with child care issues; and

(d) seek, as it considers appropriate, the expertise and input of business and community leaders, child care and education professionals, charitable organizations, and government agencies at all levels.

(3) The task force shall consist of eleven members appointed by the governor as follows:

(a) the executive director of the Department of Community and Economic Development, who shall serve as chair; and

(b) ten additional members nominated by the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services who represent a wide range of business and community interests that could have a positive and material impact on the work of the commission.

(4) Commission procedures and staffing shall be as follows:

(a) A majority of commission members constitutes a quorum for voting purposes.

(b) All action shall be by a simple majority vote of meeting attendees if a quorum is present.

(c) The commission shall meet as often as necessary to achieve its objectives.

(d) The Department of Workforce Services shall provide staff to the commission.

(5) Members shall serve without per diem or expenses.

(6) The task force may make interim recommendations as it considers appropriate. The commission shall make a final report of its findings and recommendations to the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services by September 30, 2001. The commission shall be dissolved on January 1, 2002.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done at the State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, this 17th day of September, 1999.

(State Seal)

MICHAEL O. LEAVITT
Governor

Attest:

OLENE S. WALKER
Lieutenant Governor

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