



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5180.04

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(A) The governor shall create the children and youth advisory council in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 9837b(b)(1) and 20 U.S.C. 1441 and shall appoint one of its members to serve as chairperson of the council with the director of children and youth serving as co-chairperson.

(B)(1) The council shall serve as both the state advisory council on early childhood education and care, as described in 42 U.S.C. 9837b(b)(1), and the state interagency coordinating council, as described in 20 U.S.C. 1441.

(2) The council shall advise the governor on the availability, accessibility, affordability, and quality of services provided through the prenatal and child-serving systems. This includes fostering a continuum of care that promotes family-centered programs and services that acknowledge and support the social, emotional, cognitive, intellectual, and physical development of children and the vital role of families in ensuring the well-being and success of children.

(3) The council shall advise the director of children and youth on matters affecting the licensing of centers, type A homes, and type B homes and the certification of in-home aides. The council shall make an annual report to the director that addresses the availability, affordability, accessibility, and quality of child care and that summarizes the recommendations and plans of action that the council has proposed to the director during the preceding fiscal year. The director shall provide copies of the report to the governor, speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, and the president and minority leader of the senate and, on request, shall make copies available to the public.

(C)(1) The advisory council shall include up to twenty-five members appointed by the governor, including the following:

(a) At least one representative of the department of children and youth;

(b) At least one representative of the department of medicaid;



- (c) At least one representative of the department of job and family services;
- (d) At least one representative of the department of behavioral health;
- (e) At least one representative of the department of education and workforce;
- (f) At least one representative of the department of health;
- (g) At least one representative of the department of developmental disabilities;
- (h) At least one representative of the department of youth services;
- (i) At least one representative from each of the following stakeholder groups, selected from multi-sized municipal corporations and geographically diverse areas of the state, including rural, urban, and suburban areas:
 - (i) Maternal and infant vitality;
 - (ii) Early intervention;
 - (iii) Home visiting;
 - (iv) Early childhood education;
 - (v) Child care centers providing publicly funded child care;
 - (vi) Family child care homes providing publicly funded child care;
 - (vii) School child programs;
 - (viii) Preschool programs;



(ix) Children's services.

(2) In making appointments to the advisory council, the governor shall ensure that the membership of the council reasonably represents the population of the state.

(D)(1) The advisory council shall create topic-specific advisory groups that address a continuum of services including the following:

(a) Early childhood education and care;

(b) Children services;

(c) Maternal and infant vitality;

(d) Early childhood mental health services and supports;

(e) Early intervention services.

(2) No representative of the department of children and youth shall serve as a chairperson for a topic-specific advisory group.

(3) The governor shall appoint additional members as necessary to the early childhood education and care advisory group and the early intervention services advisory group to satisfy the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 9837b(b)(1) and 20 U.S.C. 1441.

(4) The director of children and youth shall appoint each representative appointed pursuant to division (C)(1)(i) of this section to at least one topic-specific advisory group.