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Local Law No. 3 of the year 19 92

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A local law in relation to the establishment of an Erie County Community Coordinating
(Insert Title) Council on Children and Families

Be it enacted by the ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
(Name of Legislative Body) of the

County _____
~~City~~ of _____ ERIE _____ as follows:
~~Town~~ _____
~~Village~~ _____

ARTICLE 16F

ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Section 1. Legislative Declaration of Policy.

It is hereby declared to be the public policy of Erie County, New York, to take all proper measures to preserve and strengthen the family unit and to aid in the establishment of a nurturing environment to encourage the proper development of children.

To further this policy the Erie County Government provides evaluation, treatment and preventative services to the children and families of Erie County.

The Erie County Legislature finds that this policy and these services can be more effectively administered and efficiently delivered by systematic coordination among the local government, public-voluntary system of social, educational, health, mental health and other supportive and rehabilitative services to children and families.

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

The services system can be strengthened by:

1. Fostering cooperation among local government and both public and voluntary agencies to provide better coordination and supervision of services to children and families.
2. Eliminating duplication of services where possible and maximizing service provisions through judicious use of tax dollars, grants and other funding mechanisms as may become available.
3. Stressing more meaningful accountability by providers, in all sectors, regarding the quality and quantity of services provided to children and families.
4. Improving methods of ascertaining community needs and setting program goals as they relate to services for children and families.

Section 2. Establishment, powers and duties.

There is hereby created, the Erie County Community Coordinating Council on Children and Families, hereafter called Council. The Council shall:

1. Develop a methodology to evaluate, monitor, and ascertain the effectiveness of current programs in children's services.
2. Identify problems and deficiencies in existing services and recommend corrective action.
3. Improve coordination of program and fiscal resources within the children's services system.
4. Act as a liaison between county governmental units, public voluntary programs and the state and federal government, fostering better communication between all involved.
5. Review and resolve administrative, and where appropriate, regulatory differences between agencies.
6. Develop long-range plans to improve services to children and families. This should be accomplished through a five-year comprehensive service plan similar to those utilized by county departments.

7. Act as a forum for community discussion of issues pertaining to services for children and families.
8. Carry out any and all activities deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of the council as stated herein.

Section 3. Membership; meeting.

The Council shall consist of the following members: the Erie County Commissioners of Youth, Social Services, Health and Mental Health, the Director of the Office for the Disabled and the Chief Clerk from Erie County Family Court, three (3) consumer/client representatives, and five representatives from local charitable and/or community-based organizations concerned with children and families, the Director of the Office of Probation, one (1) representative from a suburban school district and two (2) representatives from the Youth Planning Council of Buffalo and the President of the United Way Agency Executives Association, a Representative of the Western New York School Board Association and four (4) members of the business community.

The Legislature shall appoint the eight (8) community representatives and two (2) representatives of the business community as follows: six (6) to be named by the Majority and four (4) to be named by the Minority. five (5) of these members shall serve two (2) year terms and five (5) shall serve three (3) year terms. These members can only be reappointed once.

The county executive shall appoint the one (1) representative from a suburban school district and the two (2) representatives from the Youth Planning Council of Buffalo and the President of the United Way Agency Executives Association, A Representative of the Western New York School Board Association and two (2) representatives of the business community.

The Chair shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Legislature, and shall not be one of the twenty-four (24) members previously stated.

The Council shall have the authority to appoint Ad Hoc Council Members to advise them, as they may deem necessary.

b. The Council shall have at least four (4) meetings each year with at least one (1) meeting to be in each quarter of the year. The Council shall adopt rules and procedures for its meetings; shall keep accurate records of its meetings and activities, and shall file an Annual Report with the County Legislature and the County Executive.

The Council shall convene for its first meeting in the quarter of the year in which they are appointed. The Council shall present its first report to the legislature before adoption of the annual budget in the year they are appointed, and every year thereafter on June 1st.

The annual report shall include the methodology for acquiring accurate statistics, which the council will use to evaluate and plan for services. Also, they should report any short-term budget recommendations for the 1993 budget.

The Council shall then make yearly budget recommendations and five-year service plans.

Section 4. The County Executive.

The County Executive shall require any County department, division, board, council, committee, authority or agency, or other unit or any agency or organization receiving county funding, to provide such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the Commission to properly effectuate its powers and duties under this Article.

Section 5. Staff.

The Council shall be provided with a coordinator, under the auspices of the County Executive to serve the Council in capacities which include managing the correspondence of the Council; providing a schedule of meetings dates; distributing a calendar of information on programs and events members may be interested in attending. The Coordinator shall also serve as research assistant, and coordinate and implement the use of the monitoring mechanism, so that the Council shall have service and program data to use in its planning efforts.

The Council and its coordinator shall also have access to secretarial staff as needed to complete its tasks.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect immediately.

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

~~1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)~~

~~I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 19____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ (Name of Legislative Body) on _____ 19____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.~~

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 3 of 1992 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of ERIE was duly passed by the ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE on JUNE 18 1992, and was (approved)(not disapproved)(repassed after disapproval) by the COUNTY EXECUTIVE (Elective Chief Executive Officer*) and was deemed duly adopted on July 2 1992, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

~~3. (Final adoption by referendum.)~~

~~I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 19____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ (Name of Legislative Body) on _____ 19____, and was (approved)(not disapproved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ (Elective Chief Executive Officer*) on _____ 19____. Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 19____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.~~

~~4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)~~

~~I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 19____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ (Name of Legislative Body) on _____ 19____, and was (approved)(not disapproved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ (Elective Chief Executive Officer*) on _____ 19____. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.~~

*Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairman of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

~~5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)~~

~~I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 19____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 19____, became operative.~~

~~6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)~~

~~I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 19____ of the County of _____, State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 19____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and of a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.~~

~~(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)~~

~~I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 2, above.~~

~~*[Signature]*~~

~~Clerk of the County legislative body, City, Town, Village, or
an office designated by local legislative body~~

~~(Seal)~~

~~Date: July 7, 1992~~

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporate Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized Attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK :
COUNTY OF : FRANKLIN

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

[Signature]

County of _____
Date: _____

Date: July 7, 1992