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EXECUTIVE ORDER 10-03

**ESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON STATE
PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**

WHEREAS, a coordinated, efficient and effective Juvenile Justice system can protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, provide treatment and rehabilitative services tailored to the needs of juveniles and their families, and improve the lives of our youth and families in Washington;

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-415), as amended in 2002, (Pub. L. 107-273) (the Act) requires each state to establish a state juvenile justice advisory group to receive funds under the Act;

WHEREAS, such an advisory group can coordinate juvenile justice and delinquency prevention and intervention related programs to ensure the efficient delivery of juvenile justice services in the state; and

WHEREAS, such an advisory group can provide an important and beneficial role by reviewing and commenting on the state's juvenile justice and delinquency prevention needs and programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the state of Washington, do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The establishment of the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (Partnership Council), with membership to conform to the requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended. The Partnership Council will be the State Advisory Group for the state of Washington and will comply with all federal requirements pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5601- 5681 and 42 U.S.C. 5781 – 5784.

2. The Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor as required by federal regulation and shall, on a regular basis, provide information and recommendations to the Governor. The Partnership Council shall be designated as the primary advisory state planning group for matters pertaining to juvenile justice in the state of Washington.

The Partnership Council shall operate as the advisory board for all planning, administrative and funding functions of the Act and shall make sub-grants for planning and/or the improvement of juvenile justice consistent with the intent of the Act.

The Partnership Council shall:

- a. Provide a strong, pro-active role, providing collaborative leadership and direction, recommending innovative juvenile justice reforms and best practices for implementation;
- b. Establish priorities for the granting of federal juvenile delinquency and delinquency prevention funds;
- c. Submit, at least annually, recommendations for the improvement of the juvenile justice system to the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services for review and comment, to the Governor, and to the Legislature;
- d. Develop effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment and rehabilitation programs in the areas of juvenile delinquency and improvement of the juvenile justice system; and
- e. Develop and approve the state's three-year juvenile justice comprehensive plan and implement the plan.

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is the designated state agency that will convene the Partnership Council and will provide staff support through the DSHS Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) subject to the availability of federal funds.

3. The DSHS Office of Juvenile Justice shall:
 - a. Provide staffing, administrative support, and other responsibilities, as requested, to enable the Partnership Council to perform its functions;
 - b. Provide background information and analysis of juvenile justice delinquency issues as needed;
 - c. Monitor and evaluate the state's compliance with the ACT;
 - d. Review the progress and the accomplishments of the juvenile justice and delinquency prevention projects funded under the state's three year comprehensive plan; and
 - e. Administer grants and other financial and technical assistance pursuant to federal regulations.
4. The Partnership Council shall operate under its by-laws. Its members may receive reimbursement for travel expenses as authorized by state and federal law.

MEMBERSHIP

The Partnership Council shall be convened by the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services, and as provided by federal regulation, chaired by a gubernatorial appointee. The Partnership Council will be staffed by the DSHS Office of Juvenile Justice. Members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, or until a successor is appointed and shall be eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the Governor. Members appointed to fill an unexpired term shall serve until the expiration date of that term or until a successor is appointed. No member shall serve for more than three terms.

The Partnership Council will be comprised of leaders from the juvenile justice system who have extensive experience and knowledge in juvenile justice and who are able to affect or influence system reform. The membership will also include youth representation, to ensure that youth voice is included in the reform effort. All members will be appointed by the Governor and serve at the Governor's pleasure.

The Partnership Council membership shall at a minimum include:

- one locally elected official representing general purpose local government;
- representatives of law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, including juvenile and family court judges, prosecutors, counsel for children and youth, and probation workers;
- representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment, social services, mental health, education and youth services;
- representatives of private nonprofit organizations, volunteers who work with delinquents or potential delinquents; and youth workers involved with programs that are alternatives to incarceration;
- persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and alternatives to suspension and expulsion;
- persons with special experience and competence in addressing learning disabilities; child abuse and neglect, and youth violence;
- one-fifth of its members shall be under the age of 24, a "majority" of the State Advisory Group members shall not be full-time employees of the federal, state, or local government, and at least three members must have been or are currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system;
- Washington State tribal representation
- Governor's Executive Policy Advisor on Juvenile Justice and Corrections; and
- Legislative representation from the Senate and the House of Representatives.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately. Executive Order 82-21, which created the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, is rescinded upon the formation of the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington, on this 13th day of September 2010, at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State