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# STATE OF ALASKA

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January 20, 1976

Senator Frank Ferguson, Chr.  
Health, Education, Social Services Comm.  
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Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear Senator Ferguson:

At its meeting on January 13 and 14, 1975 the Board of Directors for the Office of Child Advocacy prepared the following Policy Statement concerning legislation during this session:

1. The Board's highest priority is the support of the recommended legislative changes as part of developing a Children's Code for the State of Alaska.
2. The Board will support bills which reduce duplication of services and increases the coordination and quality of services provided for Alaskan Children.
3. The Board will support legislation which supports the legal rights of children and families, advocates for the protection of those rights, and public services to protect those rights.
4. The Board supports the development of a computerized data system with full protection for privacy for gathering information for planning for the delivery of human services and evaluation of those services.
5. The Board supports the Regionalization of the State service delivery system by boundaries which provide the most effective service delivery system of the highest quality possible, with the greatest equality of services.
6. The Board will generally NOT support legislation which would designate the Office of Child Advocacy as a Service Delivery Division.
7. The Board believes that the State, either directly or by contract, should provide an acceptable level of treatment: and that, priorities should be given to preventive programs. Each service: education, child welfare, juvenile justice, etc. should each establish an "acceptable" level of treatment.

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Senator Ferguson

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Betsey McGuire, Executive Director of the Office of Child Advocacy, 465-3584.

Sincerely,

*Westeen Holmes*

Westeen Holmes, Chairperson  
Board of Directors of the  
Office of Child Advocacy

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March 24, 1975

George H. Hohman, Chairperson  
Senate Health, Educ. & Soc. Svcs. Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

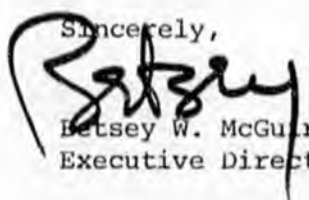
Dear Mr. Hohman:

The Workplan for the Office of Child Advocacy for FY 74 calls for an Evaluation of the Board and staff; we have been able to arrange with Preston Bruce from the Office of Child Development, Washington, D.C. and Dr. Howard Schrag from the Office of Child Development, Idaho, to perform this Task for us the week of April 14. The primary goals of the Evaluation are:

- a. To help determine the impact of the OCA on the State's awareness of children's needs, validity of goals for OCA as defined by the Law which established it in 1972;
- b. To help determine the validity for such an Office as a comprehensive planning mechanism (as defined by law), needs assessor, etc.;
- c. To review the workplan for FY74 (6 mos. of operation), FY 75 (9 mos. of operation), the FY76 Workplan, and provide recommendations and goals for the Workplan for FY77; examine cost/effectiveness, work plans and budgets;
- d. To help determine whether changes in legislation concerning the OCA should be planned & presented to the FY76 legislature;
- e. To help determine the role of the OCA in relation to: other agencies also legally responsible for planning, OCA & the Pipeline-impact, OCA & the Region X OCD, SRS, OE, Mental Health, etc. OCA & Private Agencies, etc.

I am wondering whether you could arrange for your committee to meet after 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14, or between 8 & 9 a.m. or after 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 15th. If your Administrative Assistant could call this Office, we would try to arrange our schedule to your convenience and would meet wherever it would be easiest for your committee.

Sincerely,

  
Betsey W. McGuire  
Executive Director

BWM/hj

cc: Committee members

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March 24, 1975

Bill Ray, Chairperson  
Senate Finance Committee  
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

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February 19, 1975

Dear Legislator:

As you know, the Board of the Office of Child Advocacy met in Juneau on February 12 & 13, 1975. We were sorry if you were unable to locate us, but we did review the legislation that was available to us at that time and the following are the recommendation of the Board:

SB 11-...relating to the legitimization of children conceived by artificial insemination;

DO PASS

SB 24-...relating to community mental health services;

DO PASS

SB 28-...relating to the capacity of persons to consent to marriage; we also reviewed the amendments available on 2/12 and suggest the following changes:

- 1) a complete rewrite of the bill as we had such questions as: who will counsel? who will pay the counselor? we recommend that a Court order be necessary for marriage of children 16 years and under and not just parental consent.

SB 59-...relating to the publication of names of juveniles

DON'T PASS unless recommended by the Supreme Court Children's Rules Committee.

SB 79-...creating a public service facility revolving loan fund;

DO PASS but recommend an Advisory Board to set priorities & determine allocations.

SB 120-...relating to day care facilities;

DO PASS with suggested changes - line 29 (page 2) should include... "or recognized by a federal agency"; there are some programs which are funded partially by federal funds & cannot be licensed by DHSS. It should also be assured that DHSS maintains its level of day care funding for AFDC or WIN families, or other federal programs. On page 3 a child should be defined "below mandatory school attendance age". The Board also recommends that the level of eligibility be similar to that of Title XX of the Social Security Amendments, or as later amended.

letter to legislators  
re: legislation recommendations

2-19-75

SB 120 (cont'd.)

The Board also attended the hearing in Anchorage & made comments & the Office submitted informational material to the Community & Regional Affairs House & Senate committees.

SB 128-...requiring that coverage for newly born children be included in... health & disability plans.

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HB 68-...creating an Alaska Youth Hostel Plan;

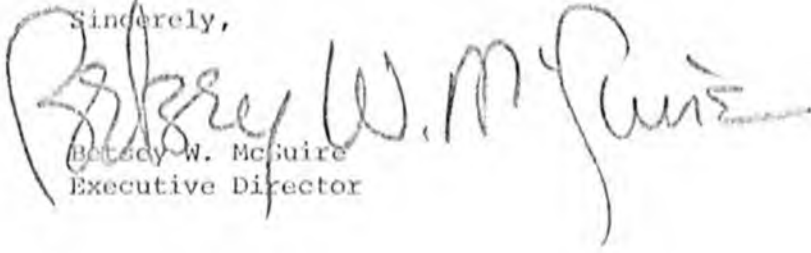
DO PASS

One of the recommendations of the Conference on "The Child & the Law" sponsored by the Office of Child Advocacy in June & October of 1974 was subsequently voted on by the Child Advocacy Board and reads:  
"That no legislation be passed in areas where critical studies are being conducted concerning children's services...".  
The attached letter was therefore written in December to appropriate agencies and departments. Attached for your information are the responses from each agency. We hope in your further legislative issues, this information will be useful to you.

We will continue to review legislation as possible and appropriate, and will try to keep you informed of recommendations.

If you have any specific requests, please do not hesitate to contact this Office.

Sincerely,

  
Betsy W. McGuire  
Executive Director

BWM/hj

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STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
JUNEAU

February 5, 1975

Mrs. Westeen Holmes  
Office of Child Advocacy  
2457 Arctic Boulevard  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mrs. Holmes:

It has come to my attention that in order to qualify for Federal funding under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, Alaska should accomplish two things: (1) Change State legislation to define a child, as under 18, to be in accord with the Federal act, and (2) designate a State agency to serve as contact point for matters pertaining to this Act.

In order to fulfill the second of these recommendations, please consider this letter official designation of the Office of Child Advocacy as the Alaska contact agent to coordinate information and action related to this Act.

Any further questions related to this role for the Office of Child Advocacy can be discussed during our visit February 14.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond  
Governor

cc: Mrs. Betsey McGuire  
Office of Child Advocacy

Commissioner McGinnis  
Department of Health and  
Social Services

Doctor David Spence, Chief  
Family Health

Doctor George Brown  
Child Abuse Board

February 10, 1975

State of Alaska  
Office of Child Advocacy  
Betsey W. McGuire  
Executive Director  
2457 Arctic Blvd.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Ms. McGuire,

I feel that the State Criminal Justice Planning System as part of the State process for developing Standards and Goals for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency with Community Involvement is very important. I feel that the chief source of money that will be available is from LEAA, State Criminal Justice Planning Commission. I am in great favor of the proposal that you are encountering for Bethel.

If there is any way that I can help you in pursuing this matter, please contact my office here in Bethel. The phone number is 543-2286.

Sincerely,

Martin W. Moore  
Special Assistant to  
the Governor

MBM/rr

cc: Sue Taylor  
Sue Greene  
Keith Stubblefield  
Senator Holman

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February 5, 1975

Mr. Andrew Edge  
City Manager, City of Bethel  
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Bethel, Alaska 99559

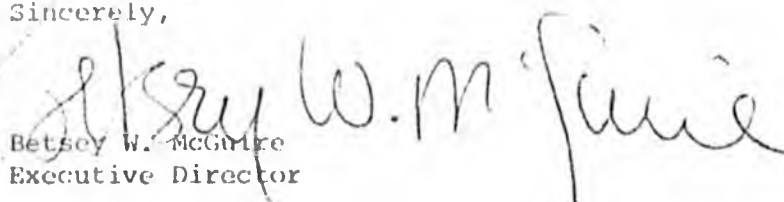
Dear Mr. Edge:

Last week I met briefly with Sue Taylor, who told me that she had discussed with you the possibility of the Office of Child Advocacy employing part-time a resident of Bethel to work on the process of developing a local planning mechanism for children's services, being funded by an LEAA Grant from the State Criminal Justice Planning System as part of the State process for developing Standards and Goals for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency with Community Involvement. We now have a staff person, part-time, in Ketchikan; a volunteer in Barrow, and hopefully, a part-time staff person in Bethel. As soon as Mr. Stubblefield of Criminal Justice Planning and I have a chance to meet, I shall be able to establish a State-wide task force of Child Advocacy Board members, representatives of other LEAA Task Forces and representatives from Ketchikan, Barrow, and Bethel. Funds will be available for at least one person from Bethel to attend these Task Force meetings to provide local in-put. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the proposal, a sample of the kind of Ad which should be used for recruiting a staff person, and some other material which we are using as basic concepts in developing local planning mechanisms.

We are delighted your Office is willing to cooperate in this matter; while I met you briefly while I was in town a few months ago, I will plan on having more time to discuss this plan with you on my next trip. I would hope after a small committee has been established by you and Sue and other appropriate people, especially from the Criminal Justice System you would interview prospective employees; then I will come and work with you to make the final decision.

If you have any questions, please either talk to Sue or contact me directly.

Sincerely,

  
Betsy W. McGuire  
Executive Director

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BWM/hj

cc: Sue Taylor, Keith Stubblefield, Senator Hohman  
O/G Bethel, Sue Greene

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letter sent to: Stanley Friese, SOS  
Commissioner ~~John Blumhardt~~, Labor  
Commissioner Marshall Lind, Education  
Mike Harper, Rural CAP  
Commissioner Lee McAnerney, Comm. & Reg. Affairs  
Robert Pavitt, Planning & Research  
Commissioner Fredrick McGinnis, H&SS

December 5, 1974

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

One of the responsibilities of the Office of Child Advocacy is to "provide leadership in recommending legislative change which affects the provision of children's and child development services..." At the Board meeting in October, 1974, the Board voted to recommend: "That no legislation be passed in areas where critical studies are being conducted..." This motion was based on information from the Conference on "The Child & the Law", at which time, for instance, we learned that there is a study being done here in Anchorage on the Runaway Child, from which, presumeably, information and data will be made available in FY 75 concerning who the Runaway is, where s/he goes, who helps the Runaway, etc. It is apparent that such information would be useful in developing legislation concerning that group of children. The Board is therefore recommending that no such legislation on the Runaway be considered this session.

It is also apparent that other such studies are being conducted about which most legislators and other Departments are uninformed. It is for these reasons that I have therefore been requested to seek information from all appropriate agencies on what studies your Department is conducting at this time -- or plans to conduct or contract for during FY 75. Some of these may well be research projects funded with federal monies, or they may be studies being conducted by the University or some other Research group. Our Office is concerned with children ages 0-18, in the field of health, education, institutional care, families and children, etc.

I would appreciate your notifying me of these projects as soon as possible, either by sending me a copy of the contract, the proposal, or a brief description of the area to be studied and the Objectives of the study.

Any help you can give us in this area will be greatly appreciated. If we could receive this information this month, it would assist the Board in reviewing legislation that is presented to us in January.

Sincerely,

Betsy W. McGuire  
Executive Director

BWM/hj

cc: Margaret Sanstad, Reg. X  
Doug Bailly, Adm. Asst.

# STATE OF ALASKA

WILLIAM A. EGAN, GOVERNOR

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

P. O. BOX 1149 — JUNEAU 99801

December 16, 1974

Ms. Betsey W. McGuire  
Executive Director  
Office of Child Advocacy  
2457 Arctic Boulevard  
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Ms. McGuire:

In response to your letter of December 5, 1974 requesting information on studies our department may be conducting presently or plans to conduct in FY '75 in regard to children's and child development services, I have reviewed your request with my staff and am advised that we have not planned or contemplated any studies in this regard during FY '75 or FY '76. If something does develop though we will be glad to keep you advised.

If I can be of further service, please advise.

Sincerely,



Leiford T. Dalby  
Acting Commissioner

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TO:  Betsy W. McGuire  
Executive Director  
Office of Child Advocacy

DATE: December 19, 1974

FROM: David A. Eide *DAE*  
Research Analyst  
Department of Education

SUBJECT: Child Studies

This is written at the request of Commissioner Lind in response to your letter of December 5.

There are apparently only two projects in the Department which may be of interest to your Office. The first you are, of course, aware of; the Early Childhood Development Ad Hoc Workshop in Anchorage on January 7 and 8.

The second is a survey of schools which lack a kindergarten program, done last summer. A tabulation of the results, the reasons for lack of program, is attached.

We would appreciate learning the results of your survey. As a member of the Alaska Committee on Evaluation and Information Systems (CEIS/Alaska), we have a responsibility to inform the membership of studies regarding their clientele group. The committee is composed largely of local school district representatives.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

DAE:lb

Attachment

cc: J. Jeffers  
E. Polley  
R. Walker

# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

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December 9, 1974

Betsy W. McGuire  
Executive Director  
Office of Child Advocacy  
2527 Arctic Blvd.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Betsy:

Thank you for your letter asking for information on studies dealing with children. I think you will have better luck with Dr. McGinnis than with the Department of Labor since none of our programs deal with children, per se. However, what we have, we will give you.

Basically, the only program which impinges directly on children 0-18 years of age is our Summer Employment for Economically Disadvantaged Youth (SEEDY) which is similar to the old Neighborhood Youth Corps. We also assisted in operating the Youth Employment Services (YES) with the Department of Education. In Anchorage this function is presently being operated at 2636 Spenard Road under the Auspices of the Employment Service, The Greater Anchorage Area Borough, and the Office of Vocational Education.

Data from these services is continuously analyzed in terms of (1) client group served, (2) needs of the group, (3) labor markets affected, and (4) impact of the program. This kind of data is also kept continuously for our normal Employment Service operation in Anchorage and throughout the State. There is literally so much data available that it might be best for you to contact Mr. Arthur Zillig of our Anchorage Office who can assist you in location specific factors.

The Department of Education, too, has studies relating generally to your area of concern and I am certain that Mr. Gerald Wiley would be happy to respond to any inquiries you may care to make.

# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

POUCH B-JUNEAU 99801

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

December 10, 1974

Ms. Betsy McGuire  
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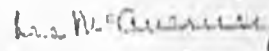
Dear Ms. McGuire:

This is in regard to your letter of December 5, 1974, requesting information about studies this Department has or will undertake which are of interest to the Office of Child Advocacy.

After checking with our various division directors I find we presently have nothing underway which is of concern to your agency. However, I do want to commend the Office of Child Advocacy for taking steps to insure agency coordination within your area of concern and have asked Ms. Lare from the Anchorage office of the Division of State Economic Opportunity to advise you of future undertakings which may be of interest to you.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Lee McAnerney  
Commissioner

LYSA: mw

cc: Ms. Lare