# COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NOTICE

March 31, 1977

D. C. Law 1-93 "District of Columbia Youth Services Act of 1976"

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act (PL 93-198), the Act, the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 1-307 on first and second readings July 27, 1976, and September 15, 1976, respectively. Following the expiration of the ten-day period provided the Mayor, in which no action was taken, pursuant to Section 404(e) of the Act, this legislation was assigned Act No. 1-162, published in the November 12, 1976, edition of the D.C. Register, and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional review period has expired and, therefore, cites the following legislation as D. C. Law 1-93, effective March 29, 1977.

Chairman of the Council

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## MARCH 29 , 1977

To reorganize the youth services programs of the District of Columbia government, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia
Youth Services Act of 1976".

#### Definitions

- Sec. 2. As used in this act, the term -
  - (a) "youth" means those residents of the District of Columbia between the ages of thirteen and seventeen, inclusive;
  - (b) "children" means those residents of the District of Columbia ages twelve and under;
  - (c) "Neighborhood Planning Council" means the structure designated for adult and youth participation in the development, implementation, and evaluation of programs for children and youth, pursuant to Commissioner's Order No. 68-219, March 25, 1968;

- (d) "councilmember" means any person thirteen years and over who lives within the geographic area of a Neighborhood Planning Council who has registered his/her name, address, and telephone number with that particular council;
- (e) "Council of Chairpersons" means the body of assembled chairpersons of each of the Neighborhood Planning Councils;
- (f) "Office", "Director" and other such terms mean the Office of Youth Advocacy, established in section 5, and further specified in other parts of this act; and,
- (g) "division", "director" and other such terms mean the division of community-based programs for children and youth of the Department of Recreation, established in section 4, and further specified in other parts of this act.

#### Purposes

- Sec. 3. It is the purpose of this act to:
- (a) Promote and support programs for children and youth in existing agencies of the District of Columbia government:
- (b) Reorganize the current pattern of programs and services for children and youth offered through the Office of Youth Opportunity Services:

- (c) Ensure that an effective mechanism exists to facilitate youth employment;
- (d) Provide a review and evaluation mechanism for existing services and programs for children and youth; and
- (e) Promote and support programs for Hispanic youth in D.C. Agencies.

## Reorganization

- Sec. 4. (a) The Commissioner's Order No. 70-93

  (approved March 17, 1970) establishing the Office of Youth
  Opportunity Services, is hereby repealed and that Office is
  hereby abolished. All of the powers, duties, and functions
  assigned to that Office under any provision of law are
  hereby transferred to the departments and agencies as
  indicated in the following provisions of this act.
- (b) There are hereby transferred to the Department of Recreation (Organization Order No. 10; Commissioner's Order No. 68-440, June 27, 1968; amended August 5, 1968, Cotober 3, 1968, and March 14, 1970) the following functions, previously performed by the Office of Youth Opportunity Services:
  - (1) Assist and facilitate programs for children and youth carried on by Neighborhood Planning Councils (Commissioner's Order No. 68-219, March 25, 1968) and other community organizations including, but not limited

to any and all organizations providing services to Hispanic youth pursuant to programs, under programs, previously funded by the Office of Youth Opportunity Services, providing maximal community participation in decision-making.

- (2) As directed by the Mayor, conduct special and citywide youth programs.
- (3) Operate juvenile delinquency prevention programs.
- (c) (l) There is hereby established in the Department of Recreation, a division of community-based programs for children and youth, which shall provide administrative and operational support for programs tor children and youth conducted by the Neighborhood Planning Councils and other community organizations.
- (2) The division of community-based programs for children and youth will have the responsibility for the administration of community recreational, educational, cultural, and economic development programs of the Neighborhood Planning Councils. All appropriated and grant funds for the operation of such programs will be administered separately within the division, under the auspices of the Department of Recreation. All youth development block grant funds received by the District

Administration, as designated for such purposes, shall be obligated in programs for children and youth conducted by the Neighborhood Planning Councils.

- (3) Local program planning, project selection, and designation of project grants will be performed by the Neighborhood Planning Councils. There will be an equitable allocation of funds, based on children and youth population, for each Neighborhood Planning Council.
- (4) The authority and fiscal responsibility to manage community elections for the Neighborhood Planning Councils will be assigned to the division of community-based programs for children and youth, under the direction of the Department of Recreation.
- (5) The director of the division of communityhased programs for children and youth shall be appointed by the Director of the Department of Recreation.
- (6) The division of community-based programs for children and youth shall, in consultation with the Council of Chairpersons, prepare an operational manual for the development and implementation of programs.
- (7) The director of the division of communitybased programs for children and youth will be responsible for coordinating all community-based programs for children

and youth. Decisions on community program priorities will be made by each Neighborhood Planning Council, according to criteria, specified in the operational manual developed by the division. The director of the division of community-based programs for children and youth will serve as liaison to the Neighborhood Planning Councils and the Council of Chairpersons, and be accountable to both the Neighborhood Planning Councils and the Department of Recreation for the effective administration of community-based programs for children and youth. The director of the division will insure that adequate technical assistance is available to the Council of Chairpersons and each Neighborhood Planning Council.

- (8) The Neighborhood Planning Councils shall continue to abide by their uniform Constitution and By-laws, consistent with this act and other District laws. Changes and amendments to the uniform Constitution and By-laws shall be made only by the consent of the Council of Chairpersons.
- (d) There are hereby transferred to the Department of Manpower (Organization Order No. 46, Commissioner's Order No. 74-144, June 29, 1974) the functions of the Office of Youth Opportunity Services relating to the coordination of programs designed to provide jobs for youth.

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- (e) There are hereby transferred to the School of Continuing Education, Federal City College, University of the District of Columbia (D. C. Law 1-36) the functions of the Office of Youth Opportunity Services with respect to the administration and supervision of the District of Columbia Street Academy.
- (f) There are hereby assigned to the Board of Education of the District of Columbia, the functions of the Office of Youth Opportunity Services with respect to the summer lunch program for children and youth.

# Office of Youth Advocacy

- Sec. 5. (a) There is hereby established in the executive branch an Office of Youth Advocacy which shall perform a planning, review and evaluation function for all programs operated by the District of Columbia government impacting on children and youth, including employment, health, counseling, recreation and training.
- (b) The Director of the Office of Youth Advocacy shall be appointed by the Mayor. The Director may hold no other public office.
- (c) The following positions and their associated funding are hereby authorized to be transferred from the Office of Youth Opportunity Services to the Office of Youth Advocacy:
  - 1 Special Assistant to the Mayor GS-16

(Subject to the prior approval of the Civil Service Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C.-5108)

1	Manpower Specialist	GS-14
1	Recreation Specialist	GS-14
1	Education Specialist	GS-12
1	Program Analyst Officer	GS-13
1	Computer Analyst	GS-13
1	Secretary	GS- 7
1	Secretary (Typist)	GS- 6

- (d) Consistent with this act and other District laws, the Director may hire employees, assign work, and delegate the duties, exercise the powers, and carry out the functions of the Office.
- (e) All positions and personnel so transferred shall continue to be governed by personnel legislation enacted by Congress, and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, until such time as the District Government personnel system is established in accordance with section 422(3) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act. Such positions and personnel may be reclassified, realigned, or found in excess and separated from the service in accordance with this act or an administrative order of the Director.

## Powers of the Office

# Sec. 6. The Director of the office shall -

- (a) systematically review and evaluate the full array of programs operated by the District of Columbia impacting on children and youth, as specified in section 5(a) above;
- (b) plan and develop demonstration youth programs for transfer to other operating agencies upon their validation after no more than three years of operation;
- (c) present the interest of children and youth before other administrative and regulatory agencies and legislative bodies of the District of Columbia government;
- (d) assist, advise, and cooperate with local, federal,
   and private agencies to promote the interest of children and
   youth in the District of Columbia;
- (e) develop criteria for the validation of programs for children and youth which shall be widely disseminated and utilized in the review and evaluation of programs;
- (f) issue an annual report on the current status of programs for children and youth on a city-wide basis, both governmental and private; and
- (g) perform such other functions and duties consistent with the purpose of this act which may be deemed necessary and appropriate to promote the welfare of children and youth.

## Transfer of Positions and Funds

Sec. 7. (a) The following positions and their associated funding are hereby transferred from the Office of Youth Opportunity Services to the Department of Manpower:

1	Deputy Director	GS-15
1	Program Analyst Officer	GS-12
1	Social Scientist Analyst	GS-11
1	Computer Program Analyst	G3-11
1	Research Assistant	GS-11
1	Research Assistant	G3- 9
2	Program Analysts	GS- 9
1	Research Assistant	GS- 7
2	Clerks (Typist)	GS- 4

(b) The following positions and their associated funding, initially transferred in the "Budget Act of 1977" to the Department of Manpower, are hereby transferred from the Office of Youth Opportunity Services to the Department of Recreation for the support of Neighborhood Planning Council programs:

1	Program Analyst Officer	GS-12
1	Program Director	GS-11
4	Field Technical Assistants	GS- 9
2	Clerks	GS- 4

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- (c) The funds available to the Office of Youth Advocacy, Department of Manpower, Department of Recreation, Federal City College, and District of Columbia Public Schools to carry out the purposes of this act will be as delineated in the "Budget Act of 1977", Act 1-94 (March 9, 1976) except as altered in sections 7(a) and (b) of this act.
- (d) All positions and personnel so transferred shall continue to be governed by personnel legislation enacted by Congress, and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, until such time as the District of Columbia government personnel system is established in accordance with section 422(3) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act. Such positions and personnel may be reclassified or found in excess and separated from the service in accordance with this act or an administrative order of the Directors or President of the aforementioned agencies and departments.

## Miscellaneous Provisions

Sec. 8. The Mayor shall instruct the Office of Budget and Management Systems to coordinate with the Department of Recreation, the establishment of a bookkeeping and accounting system to allow for timely allocation of monies from the District of Columbia government to Neighborhood Planning Council Programs, and shall establish a regular

voucher system to facilitate the swift transference of funds from the District of Columbia government to the Neighborhood Planning Councils.

#### Conflicts of Interest

Sec. 9. The Neighborhood Planning Councils shall, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation, establish procedures in their By-laws and Constitution to handle conflicts of interest in the award of subgrants to programs, when any Councilmember has either a structural or fiduciary relationship with a grant applicant or grantee.

# Rules of Operation

Sec. 10. The Neighborhood Planning Councils shall establish under the auspices of the Director of the Department of Recreation, uniform rules governing their operation and internal structure. These rules shall include a statement of Neighborhood Planning Council responsibilities, voting procedures, the establishment of standing committees, the manner of selecting chairpersons and other officers, procedures for prompt review and action on committee recommendations, and procedures for receipt and action upon community recommendations at both the local Neighborhood Planning Council and city-wide Council of Chairpersons levels. Said rules shall be filed with the

Director of the Department of Recreation and published in the D.C. Register.

## Budget Request

Sec. 11. The Department of Recreation shall develop an annual fiscal year budget request to administer and support programs of the Neighborhood Planning Councils; such budget requests shall be submitted to the Neighborhood Planning Councils each year for their review and comment. The budget shall be submitted by the Mayor to the Council, accompanied by such comments, on such date which may be required to conform with the District of Columbia Budget schedule.

# Severability

Sec. 12. If any provision of this act is held invalid, the remainder of this act shall not be affected.

## Effective Date

Sec. 13. This act shall become effective according to the provisions of section 602(c) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganizatgion Act.

Considered in Council July 27, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT Council Bill No. 1-307 was presented to the Mayor of the District of Columbia on October 5, 1976, and that the Mayor neither approved nor disapproved the Bill within the ten-day period specified in Section 404(e) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act (Public Law 93-198) of December 24, 1973.

Date: 20 00T 1976

Martin K. Schaller Executive Secretary, District of Columbia

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