

Sample of Governor's Children's Cabinet/Commission/Councils in Other States

State	Name	Description
Arizona	Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) is a cabinet level agency that administers state and federal grant programs and engages stakeholders across all sectors throughout the state to improve services and service delivery to our citizens. Through a trauma-informed lens, GOYFF develops programs, coalitions, strategies, and initiatives to support Governor Doug Ducey's priorities related to substance abuse prevention, human trafficking, sexual & domestic violence, juvenile justice, and child well-being. GOYFF also serves as the Governor's faith-based office and administers the state's AmeriCorps program. As part of this work, GOYFF staffs and convenes nine of the Governor's councils and commissions .
Connecticut	CT Commission on Women, Children and Seniors	The Commission on Women, Children and Seniors (CWCS) is a non-partisan arm of the Connecticut General Assembly. As staff to the legislature, the CWCS researches best practices, coordinates stakeholders, and promotes public policies that are in the best interest of Connecticut's underserved and underrepresented women, children and older adults.
Florida	Florida Children and Youth Cabinet	On July 11, 2007, legislation was signed by the Governor that created the Children and Youth Cabinet. The Cabinet is charged with promoting and implementing collaboration, creativity, increased efficiency, information sharing and improved service delivery between and within state agencies and organizations. As directed by statute, in 2007 the Cabinet developed a shared vision and a Strategic Plan to guide the Cabinet in designing and implementing measurable outcomes and actions that promote collaboration and information sharing. Currently chaired by First Lady.
Georgia	Georgia Children's Cabinet	The Georgia Children's Cabinet consists of all state agency heads that work with child populations as well as select community, philanthropic, education, and business stakeholders. This single group is the place where state and community programs are aligned and recommendations for improving delivery of care to children are made to inform state decision making. Georgia Children's Cabinet coordinates policies and resources to improve outcomes for children and families. The Cabinet provides unique leadership on child welfare and juvenile justice issues in Georgia by identifying state strategic priorities, then developing initiatives in response. (previously in Governor's Office, now in HHS)
Illinois	Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development	The Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development (GOECD) leads the state's initiatives to create an integrated system of quality, early learning and development programs to help give all Illinois children a strong educational foundation before they begin kindergarten. Research shows that children with a solid educational foundation in their first five years are significantly more likely to be successful in school, college, career and life. The office was established in 2009 to focus the state's efforts and maximize its investment in early learning programs. Quality, early childhood education is a cost-

		effective strategy to promote growth. Every dollar invested in early education saves \$7 in special education, public assistance, corrections and lost taxes.
Kentucky	KY Governor's Office of Early Childhood	In 2018, the then governor released an Executive Order abolishing the Early Childhood Advisory Council and creating the State Advisory Council of Early Childhood Education and Care. The new council will consist of 12 members appointed by the governor. The Executive Director of Early Childhood Advisory Council shall also serve as a member of the Council, in addition to one (1) member of the Senate designated by the President of the Senate and one (1) member of the House of Representatives designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or, in the absence of a Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore. This Executive Order will streamline supports and enhance the provision services to early care and education providers. The Kentucky Governor's Office of Early Childhood (GOEC) is the staff of the Early Childhood Advisory Council.
Louisiana	LA Children's Cabinet	The Children's Cabinet serves as the governing body for the State of Louisiana responsible for coordinating funding and programmatic services at the state and local level, related to children and their families. It consists of the cabinet secretary of each state department and is chaired by the executive director of the Children's Cabinet, who is appointed by the governor. Mission: To achieve the most effective and efficient use of monetary, human and organizational resources to lift children and their families out of poverty.
Maryland	The Governor's Office for Children	Since 1978, the Governor's Office for Children and the Children's Cabinet have worked to ensure that Maryland's children, youth and families can flourish and achieve their potential. The Governor's Office for Children has historically accomplished its work through a firm commitment to bringing together senior officials from State Agencies, community organizations, and local jurisdictions to overcome barriers and establish clear outcomes for improving the lives of children, youth, and families across the State. Today, the Governor's Office for Children operationalizes Governor Hogan's vision for economic opportunity for all and advances that vision by focusing on four Strategic Goals: reducing the impact of parental incarceration on children, families, and communities; reducing the number of youth, aged 16-24, who are not working and not going to school; reducing childhood hunger; and, reducing youth homelessness. Focusing on these four goals will lead to a stable, safe, and healthy environment for children and families. Working at the direction of the Governor, the Office facilitates the work of the Maryland Children's Cabinet and supports child well-being by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting sound child and family policy; • Using Maryland's child well-being Results in planning, decision-making, and evaluation; • Collaborating with the Local Management Boards and other partners; • Using data and technology to continuously evaluate and measure outcomes; and • Ensuring fiscal accountability.

Minnesota	MN Children's Cabinet	Minnesota's Children's Cabinet was established in 1993 (Statute 4.045) and is a broad interagency partnership that utilizes a whole family approach to support the healthy development of children and families. The Children's Cabinet works to bring efficiency and effectiveness to state government efforts to improve child and youth outcomes. The work of the Cabinet can also involve collaboration with counties, local communities and other stakeholders. Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan's Children's Cabinet is charged with taking a data-driven and results-oriented approach to coordinating, streamlining programs, aligning strategies, and promoting action and accountability of Minnesota's efforts to ensure that each and every Minnesota child, no matter race or zip code, is prepared to be a leader of tomorrow.
New Mexico	Early Childhood Education & Care Department	<p>In 2019, Gov. Lujan Grisham and the New Mexico Legislature created the Early Childhood Education and Care Department. The Department officially launched on July 1, 2020.</p> <p>The Department's aim is to create a more cohesive, equitable, and effective early childhood system in New Mexico. That means coordinating a continuum of programs from prenatal to five—and ensuring that families in every corner of the state can access the services they need. This work is informed by New Mexico's Birth-Five Needs Assessment (Spanish version here) and the related Native American Perspectives report, which include feedback from thousands of New Mexicans.</p> <p>The Department also oversees child care programs—as well as food and nutrition programs—that serve older children and families. The Department is led by a Cabinet Secretary who reports to the Governor.</p>
Ohio	OH Family and Children First Cabinet Council	<p>Ohio Family and Children First (OFCF) is a partnership of state and local government, communities and families that enhances the well-being of Ohio's children and families by building community capacity, coordinating systems and services, and engaging families. OFCF's vision is for every child and family to thrive and succeed within healthy communities.</p> <p>Established in 1993, Ohio Family and Children First (OFCF) is defined as the Governor's Children's Cabinet with the purpose of streamlining and coordinating government services for children and families. The OFCF Cabinet Council is comprised of the following Ohio Departments: Aging, Developmental Disabilities, Education, Health, Job and Family Services, Medicaid, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Opportunities for Ohioians with Disabilities, Rehabilitation and Correction, Youth Services, and the Office of Budget and Management. Locally, the county commissioners establish the 88 county Family and Children First Councils (FCFC).</p>
Rhode Island	RI Children's Cabinet	<p>Governor Gina M. Raimondo reconvened The Rhode Island Children's Cabinet in July 2015, after working with the General Assembly to revise the statute establishing the Cabinet as a decision-making entity for children. Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-72.5 (1-3), the Children's Cabinet is authorized to engage in interagency agreements and appropriate data-sharing to improve services and outcomes for children and youth.</p> <p>As the Cabinet pays special attention to the wellbeing and education of Rhode Island's children, Governor Raimondo has appointed Womazetta Jones, Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, as chair, and Angelica Infante-Greene, Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education, as vice chair.</p>

Virginia	VA Governor's Children's Cabinet	<p>On June 21, 2018, Governor Northam issued Executive Order Number 11 (“The Way Ahead for Virginia’s Children: Establishing the Children’s Cabinet”) establishing the Children’s Cabinet for the purpose of developing goals, strategies, and recommendations to support children and families across the Commonwealth. The executive order outlined four key priority areas for the Children’s Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Childhood Development and School Readiness• Nutrition and Food Security• Trauma-Informed Care• Student Safety
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