

CHAPTER 54-56

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

54-56-01. Children's services coordinating committee - Membership. The children's services coordinating committee consists of the governor or a designee of the governor, the superintendent of public instruction, a representative of juvenile courts appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court, the executive director of the department of human services, the state health officer, the director of the department of corrections and rehabilitation, or a designee of the director of the department of corrections and rehabilitation, the director of career and technical education, and a representative of the Indian affairs commission. The governor or the governor's designee shall act as chairperson.

54-56-02. Staff - Support services. The committee is authorized to employ such staff as provided by appropriations or grants. In addition, each executive branch agency, department, and office may provide support services required to achieve the objectives of the committee.

54-56-03. Functions.

1. The committee may:
 - a. Plan for and coordinate delivery of services to children and adolescents who are abused, neglected, emotionally disturbed, mentally ill, medically disabled, runaways, homeless, deprived, school dropouts, school-age parents, chemical or alcohol abusers, unruly, or delinquent.
 - b. Foster primary prevention ideas and strategies and present those ideas and strategies to regional or tribal children's services coordinating committees.
2. The committee shall:
 - a. Distribute funds due to regional or tribal committees within five days of receiving the funds.
 - b. Distribute its grant funds appropriated or authorized by the legislative assembly to children's services organizations and programs, subject to specific approval by the legislative assembly or the budget section. No funds, grants, gifts, or services of an organization receiving funds distributed by the committee may be used for the purposes of direct provision of contraception services, abortion, or abortion referrals to minors.

54-56-04. Charter public corporations - Duties. The children's services coordinating committee may designate up to twelve organizations to serve as regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees to distribute grants received from the children's services coordinating committee. The committee shall prescribe conditions for the creation, continuance, and duration of those designations. The committee shall discontinue the designation of regional and tribal committees if grant funds are not available for distribution to the regional and tribal committees.

54-56-05. Authority to accept and expend funds, grants, or gifts. Repealed by S.L. 1997, ch. 43, § 13.

54-56-06. Regional or tribal children's services coordinating committee - Functions. A regional or tribal children's services coordinating committee, if established, must be composed of community volunteers and must maintain its own records. To foster and nurture the broadest base of community support and participation, at least one-third of regional or tribal committee members must be from the private sector. A regional or tribal committee shall:

1. Recruit local organizations to become participating entities to claim federal administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services.
2. Expend administrative funding received from the state children's services coordinating committee only for costs associated with salaries and benefits, mileage and travel, meals, conferences and workshops, contract services, telephone, office supplies, marketing, printing, postage, dues and subscriptions, and room rent.
3. Reimburse a committee member only for expenses that are not reimbursed by the organization or entity that the member is representing on the regional or tribal committee.
4. Submit all claims received from its participating entities claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements to the department of human services within ninety days of the end of each calendar quarter.
5. Distribute fifty percent of the federal funds generated as a result of a participating entity claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services to the participating entity that generated the federal administrative cost reimbursement.
6. Distribute funds due to participating entities within twenty days of receiving the funds.

A regional or tribal committee may not maintain an unobligated fund balance, excluding income received during the final thirty days of each fiscal year, which exceeds fifty thousand dollars at the end of each fiscal year.

54-56-07. Operating fund balance. Repealed by S.L. 2005, ch. 534, § 4.