

HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Organization of the Division of Family Development

Adopted New Rules: N.J.A.C. 10:80

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Take notice that the Department of Human Services hereby adopts new rules at N.J.A.C. 10:80 describing the organizational structure and operation of the Division of Family Development (DFD). Prior rules at N.J.A.C. 10:80 expired on March 7, 2015, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1. The new rules are adopted to inform the public of the existence of and the basic tasks and responsibilities delegated to the DFD. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:1-12 and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(1), 4(b), and 5.1.b, the new rules are adopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period from the date of filing.

These organizational rules are exempt from the notice and hearing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and become effective upon filing.

Federal Standards Statement

These rules are not subject to any Federal requirements or standards; therefore, a Federal standards analysis is not applicable to the rulemaking.

Full text of the adopted new rules follows:

CHAPTER 80

DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONAL RULES

SUBCHAPTER 1. GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

10:80-1.1 Goals of the Division of Family Development

The Division of Family Development provides leadership and supervision to the public and non-profit agencies that deliver financial assistance and critical safety net services to individuals and families in New Jersey, including, but not limited to, Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, NJ SNAP, Child Support Services, and Child Care Services.

10:80-1.2 Responsibilities of the Division of Family Development

(a) The responsibilities of the Division of Family Development (DFD) are to:

1. Supervise the operations of the county and municipal welfare agencies and evaluate their achievements in terms of current policies and procedures;

2. Oversee the financial and budget operations, which include budget planning and monitoring, contract administration and monitoring, financial reporting and auditing, accounting, fiscal operations, and procurement;
3. Supervise, through county or municipal welfare agencies, the administration of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, General Assistance Program, New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and the Refugee Resettlement Program;
4. Prepare all policies and regulations as promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Study, measure, and maintain ongoing reviews in order to assess and test adherence to such policies and regulations and identify sources of agency errors and recommend remedial measures;
5. Maintain the integrity of the assistance programs it oversees and administers or oversees by conducting various file matches which assist in reducing erroneous eligibility and payment errors to ensure that clients truly in need of assistance receive the maximum benefits permitted by law;
6. Determine and implement overall program policy, including the establishment and enforcement of standards, regulations, policies, and fiscal and statistical activities

for the public welfare programs administered by State, county, or municipal agencies;

7. Plan, implement, and monitor data processing programs information and systems that support the DFD operations and programs;
8. Process requests for fair hearings from applicants and recipients of public assistance;
9. Supervise and direct the activities for all agencies involved in the establishment, collection, and enforcement of child and medical support;
10. Provide employment and training services to public assistance recipients; and
11. Supervise and direct the provision of child care, as well as other related services to eligible families, through the administration of contracts with local agencies.

SUBCHAPTER 2. ORGANIZATION AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

10:80-2.1 Organization for the provision of mandated services

- (a) Programs and services of the Division of Family Development (DFD) are administered by a Director, who is appointed by the Commissioner, Department of Human Services.

- (b) The DFD provides leadership and supervision to the public and non-profit agencies that deliver financial assistance and critical safety net services to individuals and families in New Jersey.

- (c) Agencies responsible for administering the DFD's programs are: the county and municipal welfare agencies and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's One-Stop Career Centers for Work First New Jersey; the county welfare agencies for the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies for child care subsidies; and county welfare agencies and court and probation offices through a cooperative agreement for child support.

10:80-2.2 Public information

- (a) Information about the Division of Family Development (DFD) is available on its website.

- (b) Some of the specific information that the public will find in the DFD's website includes:

1. Hotline telephone numbers;
2. Services and programs for individuals and families;
3. Publications, reports, and resources;
4. Division and county agency contact information; and
5. How to request government records in accordance with the Open Public Records Act.