Executive Order No. 84-25

WHEREAS, children in need of public services deserve the best effort available; and

WHEREAS, public agencies recognize that instances occur where public services for children need definition and resolution; and

WHEREAS, some children needing public services are not currently being served due to a variety of system and resource deficiencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of South Carolina, I, Richard W. Riley, Governor, hereby establish a Children's Case Resolution Commission in the Office of the Governor.

The functions of the Children's Case Resolution Commission shall include the following:

1. To establish operating procedures of the Children's Case Resolution Commission within the specified guidelines.

2. To assure that the resources of individual agencies, including multi-agency staffings and participation by advocacy groups, be
exhausted, before accepting a case as eligible for the Children's Case Resolution Commission.

3. To carry out a thorough professional staff review of the case before the hearing to assure that all pertinent factors are presented in written form to the Commission before the hearing.

4. To conduct a hearing process through case review.

5. To designate a primary agency for service provision within the responsibilities conferred in the hearing process.

6. To monitor case management of individual case resolutions as determined through the hearing process.

7. To address policy development for the purpose of recommending changes and/or improvements which shall enhance the effective operation of the Children's Case Resolution Commission and service delivery of public agencies serving children.

8. To make annual and management reports through the Office of Children's Affairs to the Governor, the Children's Coordinating Cabinet, and the General Assembly regarding issues relating to children who come to the attention of the Children's Case Resolution Commission.
An agency/school district should make a referral to the CCRC as a last resort and only after having contacted each involved agency in an attempt to resolve the case. Each case resolution shall comply with the policies and procedures of the Children's Case Resolution Commission. The parties shall express their agreement or disagreement with the resolution in writing, as provided for in the polices and procedures of the Commission. If any agency does not agree with the resolution, this shall constitute an appeal to the Children's Coordinating Cabinet, as provided by the policies and procedures of the Commission. The intent of the Commission is to assist children by securing agency agreement to provide services and/or resources to implement the resolution.

I also hereby relate the Children's Case Resolution Commission to the functions of the Children's Coordinating Cabinet and the responsibilities of the Office of Children's Affairs. The Children's Coordinating Cabinet shall receive reports from the Children's Case Resolution Commission as to the operation of the functions provided within this Executive Order. The Children's Case Resolution Commission shall receive administrative support from the Office of Children's Affairs. The functions, duties and supervisory responsibilities of the staff and administrative support shall be established by the Office of Children's Affairs.

The membership of the Children's Case Resolution Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be composed of eight (8) members, six (6) citizens (non-agency) and one advocate as voting members appointed by the Governor from the state at large, and the Vice-Chairperson of the Human Services
Coordinating Council or his designee ex-officio as a non-voting member. Each gubernatorial appointee will serve for a two-year term and may be reappointed. In order to be eligible as a voting member of the Children's Case Resolution Commission, an individual must demonstrate experience in children's services. The membership shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among the voting members for a term of two years.

All agencies of State government shall cooperate with the Children's Case Resolution Committee in the execution of its duties.

Members of the Children's Case Resolution Commission may not receive compensation for their services, but shall be allowed mileage and subsistence as is provided by law for State boards, committees and commissions for attendance at such meetings.

The Children's Case Resolution Commission shall not provide direct services to children, but can designate the services to be provided as long as the designated services are within the agency's legal responsibility.
This Executive Order shall be effective as of July 1, 1984.


RICHARD W. RILEY
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State