



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 57

OCTOBER 21, 1993

THE MAYOR'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, it is estimated that domestic violence affects as many as 279,300 households in New York City every year; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a devastating phenomena that respects no boundaries of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, the policies and programs of this Administration have been dedicated to assisting children and families in need; and

WHEREAS, during the past four years the City has more than doubled the number of emergency shelter beds for victims of domestic violence and their children, and has for the first time ever designed non-residential services for this population; and

WHEREAS, the City has incorporated domestic violence prevention into the New York City Police Department's community policing program, thereby expanding the "Safe Streets, Safe City" program, into a "Safe Streets, Safe City, Safe Homes" program; and

WHEREAS, the development of an integrated approach to the problem of domestic violence and the coordination of existing systems and services are critical to the success of the City's efforts in this area;

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

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Section 1. Establishment of a Coordinating Council. There is hereby established a Mayor's Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (the "Coordinating Council"). The Director of the Mayor's Office for Children and Families or his or her designee shall serve as chairperson of the Coordinating Council and shall coordinate and supervise its activities. The Coordinating Council shall report to the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services and the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Development.

Section 2. Membership.

a. In addition to the Mayor's Office for Children and Families, the following City agencies, commissions and divisions of the Office of the Mayor shall be members of the Coordinating Council:

1. Department of Health
2. Human Resources Administration (Child Welfare Administration, Adult Services Administration, Family Support Administration)
3. Police Department
4. Department of the Aging
5. Department of Housing Preservation and Development
6. Department of Youth Services
7. Department of Probation
8. Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Alcoholism Service
9. Law Department
10. Department of Homeless Services
11. Department of Juvenile Justice
12. Commission on the Status of Women
13. Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety
14. Office of Management and Budget

15. Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

16. Mayor's Office of Operations

b. The Health and Hospitals Corporation and the New York City Housing Authority shall also be invited to be members of the Coordinating Council.

c. The head of each participating entity shall designate a senior level administrator to attend Coordinating Council meetings and be responsible for carrying out the terms of this Executive Order.

d. The Coordinating Council shall meet at least once each quarter and as otherwise requested by the Chairperson.

Section 3. Purpose. The Coordinating Council shall:

a. Formulate policies and programs relating to all aspects of services and protocols for victims of domestic violence;

b. Develop methods to improve the coordination of systems and services for victims of domestic violence;

c. Create mechanisms to ensure that each affected City agency respond appropriately to domestic violence situations and that there is coordination among the agencies involved; and

d. Launch a public education campaign to heighten awareness of domestic violence and its devastating effects on society.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately.



DAVID N. DINKINS
MAYOR