MAINE — split

State Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) (combines the Divisions of Child Welfare, Children's Behavioral Health, Early Childhood, and Public Service Management)

OCFS Services:

1. Child Welfare – adoption, child protective services, foster parenting, teen resources

Duties:

- Improve the quality and timeliness of receiving and responding to reports of child abuse and neglect to keep children safe.
- Improve the Office's ability to identify and address the key family issues that put children at risk of harm and identify the services and supports that are needed to increase child safety so that families may safely care for their children in their own homes.
- Provide appropriate quality services to families to protect children in their homes and prevent removal.
- Decrease the number of placements experienced by children/youth in DHHS custody.
- Support foster, kinship, adoptive, permanency guardianship families as they provide a safe, caring placement.
- Increase the number of children who are safely and responsibly reunified with their families or placed with relatives.

2. Children's Behavioral Health Services: provides information and referrals for children under age 21 with developmental disabilities, mental retardation, pervasive developmental disorder/autism, and mental health disorders; Services provided by 8 district offices

3. Early Childhood – child care and head start, home visits, child abuse neglect and prevention councils, early childhood initiative.

Duties:

- Maintain an inventory of child care information
- Provide public education on becoming better consumers of child care
- Coordinate an ongoing review of all child care licensing rules

- Provide technical assistance to public and private sector employers, school systems and community groups concerning child care, flexible benefits and work schedules
- Coordinate the development of a training system for child care providers
- Develop incentives for employer involvement in child care; and
- Promote cooperative relationships between public health organizations and child care programs.

(Services are provided in 16 DHHS district offices)

Division of Juvenile Services, part of the Department of Corrections

Operates:

a. Long Creek Youth Development Center — Long Creek Youth Development Center provides a total multi-disciplined team approach in working with those committed and held within the facility. Long Creek Youth Development Center functions as a total educational rehabilitative resource within the state-wide correctional setting.

b. Mountain View Youth Development Center — The Mountain View Youth Development Center, located in Charleston, Maine, is a 133 bed, secure juvenile facility that detains male and female juvenile offenders and male committed offenders from 11 to 21 years of age, with the majority being 16-19 years old.

c. Juvenile Community Corrections — In addition to the two (2) residential facilities, there are four (4) regional offices (which include numerous sub-offices) where Juvenile Community Corrections Officers (JCCOs) serve as the correctional case managers for juveniles who are under the supervision of the Division, regardless of their status with the legal system.

Massachusetts — split

Department of Children and Families, part of the Office of Health and Human Services

Handles:

1. Foster Care and Adoption
2. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Protection
3. Adolescent Services — provides programming and support to all youth 14 and older in the Department's care and custody.
4. Collaborative Assessment Program — provides a single point of entry into DCF and/or DMH services for youth who have serious emotional disturbance and are at risk of residential placement.

Department of Youth Services, also part of the Office of Health and Human Services

Operates:

1. 62 facilities ranging from staff-secure group homes to highly secure locked units
2. 34 programs to service youth who live in the community (residing with a parent, guardian, foster parent or residing in an independent living program).

Also handles:

1. Client Services - The Client Services unit oversees the delivery of a host of clinical and support services.
2. Clinical Services - Upon commitment to DYS (within the first 30 to 45 days), youth receive a comprehensive assessment.
3. Health Services - The Department of Youth Services provides health services to all clients who are in out-of-home placements.
4. Victim Services - The Victim Services Unit provides information, support and notification to victims of juvenile crime whose offenders are in the custody of the Department of Youth Services.
5. Community Services - The Community Reentry Centers are located in cities and towns with the highest concentrations of at risk youth.
6. Substance Abuse - Substance abuse prevention and intervention services offered by the Department of Youth Services to their clients.
7. Juvenile Justice Legal Issues - The Department of Youth Services works to protect the public and prevent crime by promoting positive change in the lives of youth committed to our custody, and by partnering with communities, families, government and provider agencies toward this end.

New Hampshire — split

Division of Children, Youth, and Families, part of the Department of Health and Human Services

Program areas:

1. Child Protection Bureau — protects children from abuse and neglect
2. Foster Care
3. Foster Care Health Program — — meet the health care needs of every child in out-of-home placement
4. Permanency — works to reunify families first, and then best alternatives are sough
5. Adolescent Programs —helps current and former DCYF and DJJS youth obtain the preparation, resources and positive youth development, adult living preparation, positive youth development and teen services. In addition, DCYF offers services to young adults as they leave out-of home placement, including assistance with post-secondary expenses, housing expenses, and other self-sufficiency needs.
6. Child Development
    a. Provides technical assistance and support to early care and education programs
    b. Provides consumer education and child care training programs to help develop and maintain child care programs
    c. Maintains statistics on the supply and demand of child care throughout NH.
    d. Develops policy for the NH child care scholarship program.
7. Head Start
8. Community and Family Supports

Division for Juvenile Justice, also part of the Department of Health and Human Services

1. Institutional Services: the Youth Services Center and the Youth Detention Services unit provide residential placements for NH youth involved with the NH court system.
2. Community Programs: all community-based services, both residential and nonresidential, are administered by this unit.
3. Probation and Parole: conducts investigations and provides supervision of delinquent minors and Children In Need of Services (CHINS), as well as providing supervision of committed delinquents released from the Youth Services Center on parole.

New Jersey — split

Department of Children and Families, a cabinet-level office

Consists of these Divisions and Offices:

1. Division of Youth and Family Services — investigates allegations of child abuse and neglect and, if necessary, arranging for the child's protection and the family's treatment.
2. Division of Child Behavioral Health Services — provides these services based on the needs of the child and family in a family-centered, community-based environment
3. Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships — build a continuum of child abuse prevention and intervention programs that are culturally competent, strengths-based and family-centered, with a strong emphasis on primary child abuse prevention
4. Child Welfare Training Academy — raining program for all personnel in the State's child protective services system
5. Division of Central Operations — screening and direction of reports of child maltreatment and requests for services, investigation of allegations of child abuse and neglect in out-of-home settings, and in-depth evaluation of case practice in matters of child fatality, near fatality and critical incidents involving children under the care and/or supervision of the Department of Children and Families
6. Office of Education — The Office of Education provides intensive 12 month educational services and supports to children and young adults ages 3 through 21. The severity or uniqueness of their needs requires removal from the public school setting for a period of time. A successful return to school and participation in community life are goals for all OOE students.
7. Office of Licensing — licenses and regulates child care centers, youth and residential programs, resource family homes and adoption agencies

Juvenile Justice Commission, part of the Attorney General's Office

1. Operates secure facilities:
    a. Juvenile Medium Security Facility (JMSF), Bordentown
    b. Juvenile Justice Commission Reception and Assessment Center, Bordentown
    c. Female Intake and Secure Care Facility, Bordentown
    d. New Jersey Training School (NJTS), Monroe Township
    e. Atlantic Youth Center

2. Community Programs
    a. Residential facilities – youth placed in JJC custody or on probation by court

Day programs – juveniles placed on probation by court, helps youth to transition from a residential facility back to living at home

New York — unified

Office of Children and Family Services

Services:

1. Adolescent Services and Outcomes — services for foster and former foster children

2. Adoption

3. Child Abuse Prevention

4. Child Care — licensing and certification

5. Child Health Care — coordinating office for health care for foster children

6. Youth Development — Youth development initiatives benefit young people in their homes and neighborhoods, in schools, as well as in foster care and residential treatment.

7. Foster Care

8. Juvenile Justice

    a. Facilities include:

        i. 31 residential facilities
        ii. 6 community residential homes
        iii. 2 reception centers
        iv. 8 day-placement centers

    b. Other duties in Juvenile Justice include:

        i. Facility accreditation
        ii. Counseling services
        iii. Health services
        iv. Mental health services
        v. Education services
        vi. Program Support and Aftercare, which includes:
            1. Classification and Movement
            2. Aftercare — post-residential counseling
            3. Foster family home-services
            4. Multi systemic therapy — pilot project in which clinical services are provided through contact agencies to youth and their families
            5. Family advocacy

Pennsylvania — unified

Office of Children, Youth and Families, part of Department of Public Welfare

Pennsylvania's child welfare system is county-administered and state-supervised.

Made up for four bureaus:

1. Bureau of Budget and Program Support (BBPS)

    a. BBPS provides support functions for OCYF including: budgeting; personnel; management of federal grants and revenue; fulfillment of needs-based budget mandates; and administrative, financial and operational support. The BBPS increases fiscal accountability through cost reporting, recovery, containment, justification, and redistribution. Learn more about BBPS.

2. Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services (BJJS)

    a. BJJS is responsible for the management, operations, program planning and oversight of all the Youth Development Center (YCD)/Youth Forestry Camp facilities. These facilities are designed to provide state-of-the-art treatment, care and custody services to Pennsylvania's most at-risk youth. Learn more about BJJS.

3. Bureau of Child Welfare Services

    a. The Bureau of Child Welfare Services (CWS) is primarily responsible for monitoring the delivery of services by county and private children and youth social service agencies throughout the commonwealth. The bureau conducts these functions through the four OCYF Regional Offices and its Division of Licensing. Learn more about CWS.

4. Bureau of Policy and Program Development

    a. The Bureau of Policy and Program Development develops and publishes program procedures and directives governing child welfare activities in the Commonwealth related to: the administration of public and private children and youth agencies; foster family care; adoption; child residential and day treatment programs; and Child Protective Services. Learn more about BPPD.

Rhode Island — unified

Department of Children, Youth and Families, a cabinet-level office

Handles:

1. Adoption and Foster Care
2. Child Welfare
    a. Child Protective Services
    b. Family Services
    c. Adoption Services Unit
    d. Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)
3. Day Care licensing and certifying
4. Juvenile Corrections
    a. Includes the Rhode Island Training School
    b. Juvenile Probation and Parole
5. Services for children and families, which include

Family Based

- Comprehensive Emergency Services (CES)
- Families Together Therapeutic Visitations
- Family Networks Programs
- Parent Aides
- Parent Education Program
- Project Connect
- Project Early Start
- Project Family

Child Welfare

- Child Protective Services
- Family Services
- Intake

Children & Youth

- Care Management Teams
- Certified Clinicians
- Child and Adolescent Services System Program (CASSP)
- Children's Intensive Services (CIS)
- Diagnostic Assessment Services
- Education Services
- Prevention Children's Trust Fund
- Purchase of Service
- Residential Counseling Centers
- Residential Treatment

Adolescents

- Higher Education Grant
- Life Skills Program
- Outreach & Tracking
- Project Hope
- Safe Streets
- Teen Grant
- Youth Diversionary Program

Rhode Island Training School (RITS)

- Clinical
- Education
- Residential
- Transition

General

- Psychiatric Hospitalization

Vermont — unified

Department for Children and Families, part of the Agency for Human Services

1. Child Development Division — Direct services for children and families include regulating early childhood and afterschool programs, early intervention services, information, resource and referral for families, parent education and family support services.
2. Disability Determination Services
3. Economic Services Division — assistance-to-work, supplemental nutrition assistance, fuel assistance, and health care
4. Family Services Division
    a. Child Abuse and Neglect Intake and Investigation
    b. Services for at-risk families
    c. Permanency planning for children in state custody
    d. Probation and other restorative justice services for delinquent youth
    e. Transition Services (for 18- to 22-year-olds to transition from foster care to independent living)
    f. Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center (a secure facility)
5. Office of Child Support
6. Office of Economic Opportunity