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EXECUTIVE ORDER

TRANSFERRING BUILD A GENERATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order transferring the Build A Generation program from the Colorado Department of Public Safety to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

1. Background and Purpose.

Build A Generation is a prevention initiative for Colorado's communities, designed to strengthen support systems for children. The Build A Generation process provides a framework for:

- training of community key leaders;
- identifying and prioritizing risk factors;
- assessing how current resources are being used;
- identifying community resource gaps; and
- developing a comprehensive strategic prevention plan.

Build A Generation is focused on supporting our children in developing and leading lives that are safe, productive, healthy and crime-free. This requires a willingness to change as well as a lasting commitment from local communities. Sustaining long-term change in a community requires, among other things, a coordinated effort to participate in and influence local public policy decision-making; collaboration among a number of different institutions, agencies, and organizations; and implementation of effective prevention programs and strategies.

The philosophy of Build A Generation is consistent with programs in the newly formed Division of Prevention and Intervention Services for Children and Youth in the Department of Public Health and Environment. The Colorado General Assembly, in the 2000 legislative session, passed House Bill 1342 creating a single division in the Department of Public Health and Environment to operate and oversee the provision of state and federally-funded prevention and intervention programs. Through this legislation, the General Assembly sought to eliminate the dispersion and overlap among prevention and intervention programs,

to ensure collaboration among programs operated by or funded through several state departments, and to make available a continuum of services for children and youth.

2. Mission.

Since 1992, Build A Generation has been operated by the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Public Safety. I hereby order the transfer of Build A Generation from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

3. Duration.

This Executive Order shall remain in force until modified or terminated by further Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this 23rd day of
December, 2001.

Bill Owens
Governor