§ 483. Council on children and families. 1. Purpose. There shall be a council on children and families, hereinafter referred to in this article as the "council". The council shall act as a neutral, coordinating agency to promote the well-being of children and families by convening the state's human services, health, and education agencies to develop aligned and comprehensive approaches to serve children and families most efficiently and effectively.

2. Council establishment. There shall be a council on children and families established within the executive department. The council shall convene the following state agency leaders: the commissioner of children and family services, the commissioner of temporary and disability assistance, the commissioner of mental health, the commissioner for people with developmental disabilities, the commissioner of addiction services and supports, the commissioner of education, the commissioner of health, the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services, the executive director of the justice center for the protection of people with special needs, the director of aging, the commissioner of labor, and the executive director of the council on developmental disabilities.

3. Definitions. As used in this article:

(a) "Council" shall refer to the council on children and families.

(b) "Executive director" shall refer to the executive director of the council.

(c) "Member agency" shall refer to the state agencies convened by the council identified in subdivision two of this section.

4. Executive director; staffing. (a) The governor shall designate the executive director of the council.

(b) The executive director shall employ personnel to carry out the functions of the council.

5. Meetings. The council shall meet as often as deemed necessary, by the executive director or the leader of a member agency, but in no event less than annually to perform its powers and duties notwithstanding the absence of a quorum.