



STATE OF LOUISIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BATON ROUGE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 95 - 11

- WHEREAS,** the establishment of a Child Advocacy Program for the State of Louisiana has been legislatively recognized by Act 69 of the Third Extraordinary Session of the 1995 Legislature; and
- WHEREAS,** there is an apparent need for further research in this expanding field which would benefit from the expertise of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a need to develop a protocol that would incorporate the unique needs of the children within each community throughout Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a need to develop a coordinated protocol to assist in the handling of sex abuse cases among the various responsible agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice is best suited to develop said protocol for assistance in local areas.

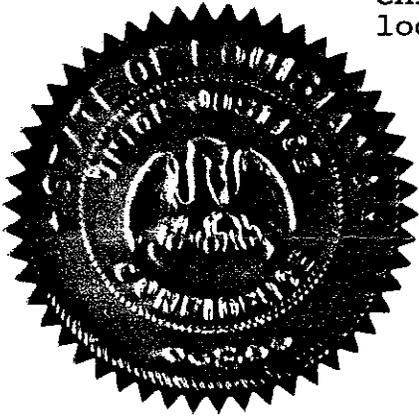
NOW, THEREFORE, I EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the state constitution and laws of the State Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration shall form the Child Advocacy Clearinghouse.

SECTION 2: The Child Advocacy Clearinghouse shall accomplish the following:

- A. Assisting the development of a proposed legislative framework for the establishment of a child advocacy program in the state. The proposed framework shall be submitted to the Interagency Council for Prevention of Sex Offenses.
- B. Assist local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies in the development of programs, resources, and or expertise which promote the detection and prosecution of offenders committing crimes of sexual abuse against children.
- C. Assist units of local government and qualified private non-profit institutions in identifying sources of funding to begin the operation of child advocacy centers.

D. Provide information relative to child sexual abuse, child sexual abuse programs (prevention, detection, and treatment) and child advocacy programs to units of state and local government and other interested parties.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 7th day of March, 1995.

Edwin Edwards
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTESTED BY
THE GOVERNOR

Joseph S. Keithen
SECRETARY OF STATE