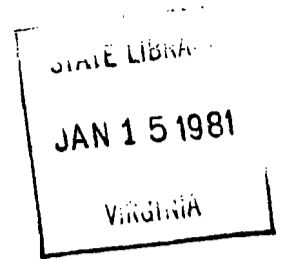




COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor
Richmond 23219

John N. Dalton
Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER FORTY-SEVEN (81)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE ADVOCACY OFFICE FOR VIRGINIA'S DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CITIZENS

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, I, John N. Dalton, hereby establish a State Advocacy Office for the Developmentally Disabled. The State Office shall be independent of any Human Resources agency and shall report to the Secretary of Human Resources. The Director shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

There is a continuing concern that developmentally disabled Virginians receive the services to which they are entitled. In some instances, a client is not satisfied with the agency providing the services. Accordingly, the State Office shall establish an advocacy system which shall be structured to assist the developmentally disabled clients with the resolution of a particular problem that is not being solved by the agency or agencies affected. The State Office shall produce an annual State Plan, due January 1, which shall identify the specific program activities to be accomplished. The Director shall advise the Secretary of the implications of changes in State or federal law with regard to services provided by the State. The Director shall advise the Secretary immediately when it has been determined by the Office that the rights of any developmentally disabled persons residing within a State facility are being, or have been abridged or otherwise interfered with. The Director shall pursue administrative remedies with the appropriate State officials. If a resolution to the problem is not attained then the Director shall recommend alternatives to the Secretary.

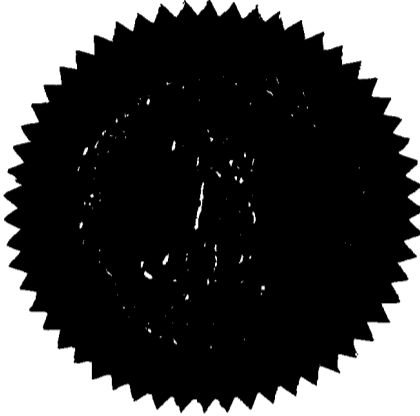
The State Office shall keep the pertinent State agencies thoroughly advised concerning its activities, programs, and concerns, and shall render a report in writing each

year to the Secretary setting forth these matters. The State Office shall provide the pertinent State agencies with a copy of that report.

This Executive Order rescinds Executive Order Number Sixty (77) issued on December 20, 1977.

This Executive Order shall become effective on February 1, 1981 and remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further Executive Order.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 9th day of January, 1981.



John N. Dalton
Governor

Attested:

L. J. Gray, Jr.
Secretary of the Commonwealth