

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**§ 20104. Duties and Responsibilities.**

The Office shall:

(a) Formulate plans and policies, develop a comprehensive approach, coordinate and/or implement programs and services to enable the youth to develop his full potential and skills, talent, leadership ability, good sportsmanship and citizenship.

(b) Encourage, through direct or indirect means, all youths, especially those in need of guidance and motivation, to make use of existing youth facilities, services and programs.

(c) Establish a comprehensive approach to providing services and programs to youth, taking into consideration the coordination and consolidation of existing programs and services and planning with implementing new programs and services where deemed necessary.

(d) Make such referrals as are necessary when certain services are best provided by other agencies within the Commonwealth Government or by other resources within the community or abroad.

(e) Provide assistance and cooperation to youth and community groups, both organized and unorganized, which provide or sponsor programs and/or services beneficial to the youth.

(1) Collect and disseminate information and research data relative to youth needs and problems.

(g) Keep the Governor and the general public informed on all major youth developments and achievements.

(h) Provide administrative, logistical, and other needed support to the Council.

(i) To monitor and evaluate legislations and government policies concerning youth and recommend changes, if any, that would provide additional support and benefit to CNMI youth.

**Source:** PL 12-67, § 5; (i) added by PL 14-42, § 4.

**Commission Comment:** PL 14-42 was enacted on November 29, 2004, and contained a short title, findings, purpose, and severability provisions. Pertinent sections of PL 14-42 stated:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known and shall be cited as the Youth Affairs Improvement Act of 2004.

Section 2. Legislative Findings. The Legislature finds that certain changes to Public Law 12-67 is necessary to improve services to the CNMI youth. The Legislature further finds that the Special Assistant for Youth Affairs has recommended these changes, and that they will result in improvements to the intent of the original Act.

Section 3. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to amend Public Law 12-67, otherwise known as the Youth Affairs Act of 2001.