

Programs for children and youth offered by the Department of Health of the State of California should be governed by a unifying philosophy of service.

As we plan and support programs to serve human needs in the future, this creed declares the conditions which we desire for each family in California. Services which create and support these conditions should be implemented. Services which ignore or lessen these conditions should be revised or eliminated.

We recognize that attainment of these goals may require financial resources which are unavailable; that other social ills may cry for more immediate attention and receive higher priority; that some of these goals depend upon the essential nature of the family and not upon the role of government; that equality of opportunity and a life of quality are primary reasons for the existence of government, yet are conditions which cannot be guaranteed by government.

Given these considerations, the Department of Health of the State of California affirms its commitment to the creed.