

The Task Force recommended strategies to encourage adoption, particularly for children with special needs, and outlined priorities for the future development of adoption services.

The Task Force submitted a preliminary report in December 1985 and its final report in January 1987.

TASK FORCE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE BY YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

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In August 1985, the Governor created the Task Force on Alcohol Abuse by Youth and Young Adults at the request of the General Assembly (Joint Resolution no. 42, Acts of 1985). The Task Force was to develop and implement a plan designed to reduce alcohol abuse by young people.

On October 31, 1986, the Task Force submitted its final report.

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On June 30, 1985, the Task Force submitted its report to the Governor and General Assembly. Free copies of the report may be obtained by writing to the Task Force.

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The Task Force submitted a final report to the Governor and General Assembly on March 5, 1984. The report defined problems and priorities concerning arthritis and related rheumatic diseases. It also detailed the incidence and cost of arthritis and related rheumatic diseases, and the educational qualifications of physicians who treat arthritic patients. In addition, the report noted a workplace study of costs associated with worker absences due to arthritis, and surveys on direct and indirect hospital costs. A copy of the report may be obtained from the library at the Department of Legislative Reference, 841-3810 or 858-3810.

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The Task Force reconvened to further address the issue of an employee's right to refuse to work