

**Commission to Develop a Strategic Priorities Plan for Maine's Young Children**  
**◆ Proposal Worksheet ◆**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Maine Investment in Children Council</b>		
<b>Submitted by</b>	<b>Rep. Faircloth</b>		
<b>Outline/Summary</b> (Clearly describe your proposal; be specific & precise; provide sufficient details to draft legislation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Maine Investment in Children Council is a 15 member council established in statute to develop, maintain and evaluate a long-term plan for investment in Maine's young children and to serve as an advisory body to the Office of the Child Advocate.</li> <li>• Members of the council are appointed by the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House and include 11 members with a broad range of expertise in early childhood and 4 members of the Legislature with demonstrated interest in children's issues.</li> <li>• The Council is charged with developing and recommending a long-range plan, goals, benchmarks and strategies for investment in young children; monitoring progress in accomplishing the plan's goals; regularly updating the plan; and providing advice to the Office of the Child Advocate.</li> <li>• The council reports biennially to the Health and Human Services Committee, the Education Committee, the Taxation Committee and the Business Research and Economic Development Committee. The Office of the Child Advocate serves as the fiscal agent for the council; the council is authorized to seek funds and accept gifts to support its objectives. <i>(Note: modeled after the Maine Economic Growth Council)</i></li> </ul>		
<b>Benefits</b> (Clearly state the expected benefits to children and the economy; identify the returns on this investment & when will they occur)			
<b>Any supporting data/research?</b>			
<b>Timeline</b> (Implementation schedule; what occurs in each year of the plan)	<b>FY08-09</b>	<b>FY09-10</b>	<b>FY10-11</b>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b> (Impact on state expenditures and revenues in each year of the plan)	<b>FY08-09</b>	<b>FY09-10</b>	<b>FY10-11</b>
<b>Proposed Funding Sources</b> (General Fund, Bond, Federal funds, etc.)			