



The SHARE Campaign and the Executive Branch Ethics Act

In 2003, the Attorney General was asked several questions concerning the Executive Ethics Act and its possible impact on the State's involvement in the SHARE campaign. The Attorney General's Office issued a written opinion concluding that:

- State employees who:
 - ✓ are **board members** of the United Way or its member agencies;
 - or*
 - ✓ who have **immediate family members**¹ who serve on the board of the United Way or its member agencies

May **not** be assigned to be SHARE volunteer coordinators or key workers and may **not** solicit contributions to the SHARE campaign.

- State employees who:
 - ✓ are **board members** of charitable organizations **not** affiliated with the United Way or its member agencies;
 - or*
 - ✓ who have **immediate family members** who serve on charitable organization boards **not** affiliated with the United Way or its member agencies

May serve as volunteer coordinators or key workers, **but**

- ✓ may **not** ask their fellow employees to designate their SHARE campaign contributions to those charities.

- All other state employees may volunteer to work on SHARE campaign activities without violating the Ethics Act.

¹ An "immediate family member" means an employee's spouse, a person in a conjugal relationship with an employee, an employee's child, adoptive child or step child, a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or the parent or sibling of the employee's spouse. AS 39.52.960(11).