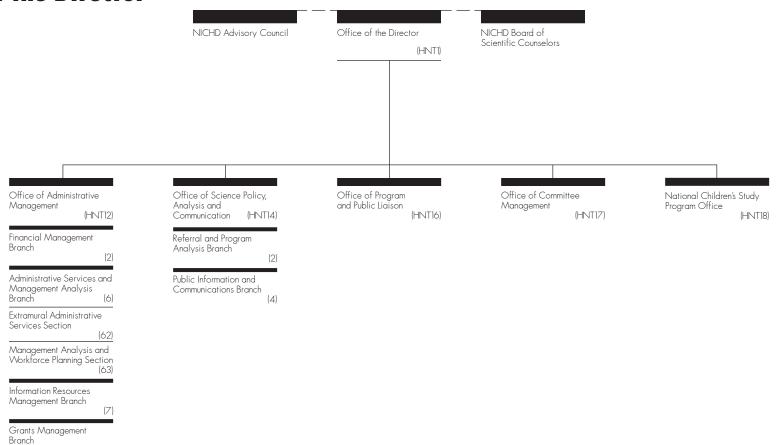


Conducts, fosters, and supports biomedical and behavioral research through research grants, research contracts, and research performed in its own laboratories on: child health, maternal health, problems of human development with special reference to mental retardation; and on family structure, the dynamics of human population, and the reproductive process.

- Promotes the application of research findings to clinical practice;
- Initiates and cooperates in government-wide efforts on unique problems that emerge affecting the health of children and their families;
- Provides consultation to Federal agencies and non-Federal groups in the development of programs to improve the health of children and their families;
- Coordinates and integrates research efforts with service-oriented health agencies and the Office of Child Development; and
- Disseminates information related to research findings to practitioners and the general public for improving the health of children and their families.

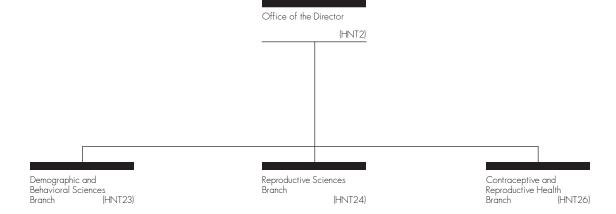
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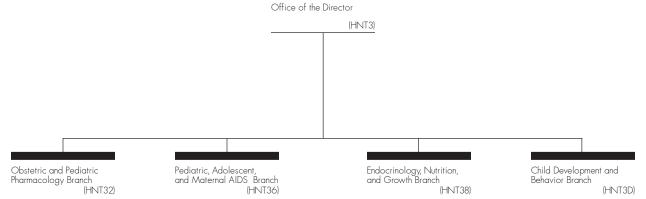
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