
HEALTH AND WELFARE

In the period 1959-1960 vigorous strides were made by the State of Maryland in all areas of health and welfare. As the problems confronting the people were complex and expensive, the measures adopted were in many situations commencements toward building sound programs rather than the complete implementation of well-rounded public policies.

The Governor, in developing his program, relied heavily on the advice and assistance of professional associations and citizen groups. Where possible, he favored combining the public resources of the state, federal and local governments with private funds and services.

Notable progress was made in major aspects of health and welfare. Problems of the aging were high on his agenda and consequently received special attention. Higher standards were adopted for private nursing homes. Improved state services were provided for vocational training and rehabilitation of the mentally retarded and the physically handicapped, persons afflicted with mental illness and others in need of assistance.

Innovation and experimentation produced guidelines for training of mentally retarded children of pre-school, school, and post-school age, for preventing delinquency, rehabilitating juvenile delinquents, and for treatment of other afflicted children and adults.

Increased allocations of funds for services were accompanied by a similar expansion in physical facilities for hospitals, training schools, day care centers, and residential detention homes for juvenile delinquents.

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We have met here to discuss a matter of serious concern to all the people of Maryland. As Governor of the State, it is gratifying to see a display of so much interest in the well-being of our older citizens.

I am sure that all of us are in agreement that it is the solemn obliga-