

to deal with these questions. I congratulate these counties and encourage others to follow their lead.

From this statewide conference, and from four area conferences, will be fashioned Maryland's recommendations to the White House Conference which will be held in Washington next January. Out of the discussions, I think, will emerge the conviction that, while Maryland intends to take care of its own, it realizes, as does the entire country, that where the problem is too great for any one state to handle, it is obligatory that it cooperate with the federal government and with the individual states in an effort to find a solution.

May I conclude by commending the Commission on the Aging for its accomplishments during the first year of its existence. The hope I entertained when I signed the bill creating it has been fulfilled.

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Every ten years, the President of the United States calls a great national citizens' meeting on children and youth. It is the purpose of these conferences, known as White House Conferences on Children and Youth, to assess the needs of our children and young people, to examine the progress of the previous ten years, and to chart a course for the future. All states are asked to assist in this endeavor, and I have designated the Maryland Commission for the Prevention and Treatment of Juvenile Delinquency to take responsibility for these activities in Maryland. As part of this preparation, I am pleased to open this Conference, the Governor's Conference on Children and Youth.

In this Conference, it is important that you consider both local and national issues relating to children. We have strong and capable leaders in Maryland and we expect to make an important contribution to national thinking at the White House Conference. Also, and perhaps of more immediate importance, I wish to direct your thinking toward Maryland's children and consideration of the steps we can take to further their well being. There can be no more important subject for consideration than the welfare of our children and young people. Not