

State Hospital in Wicomico County (1950), Montebello State Hospital in Baltimore City (1953) and Western Maryland State Hospital (1957). Western Maryland also provides facilities for the care of tubercular patients. A 300-bed addition has more than doubled the capacity of Mt. Wilson, which also treats tubercular patients.

In 1955 the Department of Public Welfare started an experiment in the rehabilitation of delinquent youth. In cooperation with the Department of Forest and Parks, it opened a forestry camp at Green Ridge to which boys could be sent from the Training Schools to work on conservation projects. The apparent success of Green Ridge led to the opening of a second camp near Lonaconing in 1956 and a third at New Germany in 1957. In addition, early in 1960 the Department opened the Maryland Children's Center, where children adjudged delinquent by the courts are sent to be studied for not more than thirty days; the Center then returns them to the Court with recommendations.

A new State Office Building in Annapolis was dedicated in September 1958. A few months later, the State Roads Commission moved into its new six-story building in Baltimore, and many of the scattered State agencies have been brought together in the nearby State Office Building which opened in June 1959.

Friendship International Airport, constructed to connect Baltimore with all parts of the globe, began operating on June 24, 1950. A 3200-acre field, it is one of the largest in the country and capable of accommodating the largest planes of the new jet age.

The Maryland Port Authority was established in 1956 to promote and develop the ports of Maryland. It endeavors to persuade private operators to make needed improvements, but if necessary the Authority may construct and operate supplementary facilities.