

The Department administers the child care laws that regulate child placement in Maryland. It licenses agencies and institutions having the care and custody of minors (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 19, 32).

The Department controls and supervises the four State training schools. In developing the program within each training school, including provision for after-care supervision, the Department establishes regulations, standards of care, policies of admission, transfer, and discharge, and may order changes in policies or management. Subject to these limitations, each of the schools is under the general management of its Board of Managers. The Governor appoints the nine members of each Board for terms of six years, so staggered that the terms of at least three members expire every two years (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 33-38).

The Department also administers and supervises the three Forestry Camps for delinquent boys. These Camps have a single advisory board made up of eight members appointed by the Governor from the geographical area in which the camps are located. A field supervisor of the State Department of Public Welfare and a district forester are ex officio members. The Department is authorized by law to transfer to these camps boys from either Boys' Village or the Maryland Training School for Boys who, in its judgment, may benefit from such care (Code 1957, Art. 88A, sec. 39).

In addition the Department administers the Maryland Children's Center, which opened in 1960, as a facility for short-term detention and study of children judged delinquent by the Courts. An Advisory Board, composed of nine members appointed by the Governor for six-year staggered terms, assists the Department of Public Welfare in presenting the objectives of the Center to the public and generally advises the Department and the superintendent of the Center (Code 1957, 1960 Cumulative Supp., Art. 88A, sec. 39A).

Appropriations—1961

	<i>General Funds</i>	<i>Local Funds</i>	<i>Federal Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
Administration of State Department.....	\$ 238,418	.....	\$ 82,640	\$ 321,058
Administration of Local Departments.....	3,181,953	\$ 1,141,292	1,257,890	5,581,135
Child Welfare Bureau.....	61,627	.....	95,574	157,201
Old Age Assistance.....	1,211,650	1,121,582	4,345,632	6,678,864
Aid to Dependent Children	3,427,356	691,332	9,108,288	13,226,976
Public Asst. to Needy Blind	4,267	122,940	224,167	351,374
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	834,840	834,840	2,965,680	4,635,360
General Public Assistance	966,150	966,150	.....	1,932,300
Boarding Care for Children	2,061,120	2,061,120	.....	4,122,240
General Public Assistance to Employables	75,000	75,000	.....	150,000
Payments to Houses of Good Shepherd	314,000	.....	.....	314,000
Public Medical Institution Patient Fund.....	250,000	220,000	800,000	1,270,000
Totals	\$12,626,381	\$ 7,234,256	\$18,879,871	\$38,740,508