

local social services boards are appointed for three-year terms. No appointee may serve for more than two consecutive terms (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., 1969 Supp., Art. 88A, secs. 1, 2, 4, 14, 14A).

The Department administers the child care laws, which regulate child placement in Maryland. It licenses agencies and institutions having the care and custody of minors. The local departments of social services offer adoption services to the natural parents, the child, and the adoptive parents so that in a legally responsible way the best interests of all concerned may be served. The family day care licensing law places responsibility with the State Department, through the local departments of social services, to license family homes giving care for not more than four children for a part of the twenty-four hour day. Agencies giving this service must be licensed by the State Department. Consistent with the State laws and juvenile court regulations, the local social services departments provide needed protective services on behalf of families with children who are suspected of being neglected or abused. Professional persons concerned with the welfare of children are required to report suspected child abuse to their local social services department (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., 1969 Supp., Art. 88A, secs. 19-32A; 1966 Repl. Vol., 1969 Supp., Art. 16, secs. 67-88; 1967 Repl. Vol., 1969 Supp., Art. 27, sec. 11A).

The State Department of Social Services carries the responsibility for the development and the coordination of its services, for determining the factors which seem to contribute to social and economic problems, and for recommending changes or new programs to meet some of the problems. In carrying out this responsibility, the State Department of Social Services calls upon the local social services departments for leadership within a community and for participation in Statewide activities. Examples of such services are the referrals for family planning, homemaker services which provide certain in-home services to help maintain and strengthen family life, and the work experience and training program which helps to prepare needy people for employment.

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