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The Governor appointed this Committee in 1968 in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area, Inc., the National Association of Social Workers, the University of Maryland School of Social Work, and the Southern Regional Education Board. The Committee is to concentrate on finding solutions to the manpower shortage in the field of social welfare. The project is under the direction of the State Department of Social Services.

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED

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The Governor's Committee to Promote Employment of the Handicapped was established by the Governor in 1947 in response to a request by the President of the United States. The Governor appoints the chairman and committee members, and all serve without compensation. Committee funds are used for the salaries of the Executive Secretary, a clerk-typist, promotional materials, stationery and printing, postage, contest prizes, expansion of local programs, and conferences.

The Governor's Committee functions primarily as an educational and public relations instrument to create a public awareness of the problems faced by handicapped individuals in finding employment; to cooperate with all groups, public and private, in promoting services for the handicapped; and to initiate and promote programs to stimulate hiring the handicapped. Regional and local meetings are held particularly in conjunction with National Employ the Handicapped Week.

To reach all sections of the State, twenty-four local committees have been organized, one in each county and one in Baltimore. The Governor's Committee acts as liaison between the President's Committee and local committees. To coordinate the program and to keep committees informed on State and national activities, a bi-monthly newsletter goes out to each member in the State. Each year the committee sponsors poster contests among high school juniors and seniors as a means of arousing public awareness of the issues inherent in the rehabilitation program for Maryland's disabled citizens. An annual Awards program recognizes outstanding employees, citizens, and handicapped individuals in the State.