

The Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity was established for the purpose of administering in the State of Maryland, the Federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (PL 88-452), of creating and participating in various areas and types of youth and work training programs; urban and rural community action programs; special programs to combat poverty in rural and urban areas; employment and investment incentive programs; work experience programs; and of combating unemployment and assisting in the education, training and economic betterment of citizens of the State of Maryland (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1972 Supp., Art. 41, secs. 361-364).

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds	\$ 27,704	\$ 29,469
Federal Funds	786,455	686,210
Staff: 21.		

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chairperson: Anne Carey Boucher, 1975

Vice Chairperson: Kathleen M. Carter, 1975

Mildred Atkinson, 1973; Elizabeth Carter Draper, 1973; Gretchen Jane Hartman, 1973; David T. Lewis, 1973; Leonora H. Nast, 1973; Lorraine Vollberg, 1973; Ilse M. Darling, 1974; Anne Dankmeyer Hopkins, 1974; Edna DeCoursey Johnson, 1974; Charlotte W. Martz, 1974; Lee Joyce Richmond, 1974; Jeanette R. Wolman, 1974; Rosalie S. Abrams, 1975; Mary H. Broadwater, 1975; Nancy Brown Burkheimer, 1975; Shoshanna Cardin, 1975; Kathryn S. Abell, 1976; Nancy Van Westen Cox, 1976; Hattie M. Harrison, 1976; Mary T. Johnson, 1976; Constance K. Putzel, 1976; Esther Vines, 1976.

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This Commission was originally appointed by Governor Tawes in 1965 to develop to its fullest extent the potential of the women of Maryland. Governor Agnew reactivated it in 1968 as part of the continuing effort to promote human understanding and solve the pressing social problems which now confront the State and the nation. The Governor directed the reorganized Commission to review the recommendations of the previous commission in the areas of education, employment, community and civic participation and to take steps to implement those most pertinent. The Commission was also directed to seek the cooperation of existing organizations on the State and local levels in identifying problems, and to work toward increasing the opportunities for women to serve in a variety of fields.

By Chapter 57, Acts of 1971, the Commission became a statutory agency, being assigned to the Department of Employment and Social Services. The Commission consists of twenty-four members all appointed by the Governor from among persons interested in the improvement of the status of women. Its membership includes both men and women and represents all fields of interest of women, such as public affairs, private industry and volunteer activities and includes all age groups and geographical regions of the State. Members serve four year terms and may be re-appointed to one additional term as a member of the Commission. The Governor designates the Chairman and the Vice Chairman (Code 1957, 1972 Repl. Vol., Art. 49C).

The budget for the Maryland Commission on the Status of Women is included in that of the Office of the Secretary.