

**MENTAL RETARDATION ADMINISTRATION**

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On July 1, 1970, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene created a Directorate of Mental Retardation by Executive Order. This Directorate was superseded on August 1, 1971, by the present Mental Retardation Administration which is charged with responsibility for all programs for the mentally retarded formerly administered by the Department of Health, and the Department of Mental Hygiene. The Administration coordinates new and existing programs with appropriate State agencies, parent organizations, and private facilities which serve the mentally retarded and their families.

The Mental Retardation Administration has as its primary goal the development of each retarded person to his optimum functioning level, and to his optimum degree of independence, under the least restrictive conditions necessary to achieve the purpose of his habilitation. In order to help the retarded individual develop to his fullest, the Administration is striving to provide a continuum of services to the retarded person and his family. The Administration operates four residential facilities, two of which are regional centers, and one program for the physically handicapped child who is mentally retarded. Provisions for the organization and administration of the Mental Retardation Administration are contained in the "Mental Retardation Law," Article 59A, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds .....	\$4,318,832	\$5,117,734
Special Funds .....	855,288	1,265,000
Totals .....	\$5,174,120	\$6,382,734

Staff: 1973, 31; Staff: 1974, 25.

**EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL MENTAL  
RETARDATION CENTER**

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This Center was established by Chapter 435, Acts of 1968 as the Regional Mental Retardation Center-Eastern Shore. This facility is located at Salisbury in Wicomico County, Maryland and is designed to provide living and programming space for 250 residents beginning in early 1974. A full range of comprehensive and diversified services will be provided to all retarded individuals and their families of the 9 Eastern Shore counties. Services and programs in the areas of education, training, and habilitation will be programmed in both the Center setting and in the community for the facility's retarded residents.

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds .....	—————	\$1,300,000

Staff: 1974, 457.