

tients with tuberculosis and other chronic lung diseases. With the decline in the number of tuberculosis cases a portion of the hospital has been converted to use for geriatric and mentally retarded patients.

Staff: 1975, 409; 1976, 400;
1977, 392.

WESTERN MARYLAND CENTER

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Western Maryland Center, originally Western Maryland State Hospital, authorized by Chapter 53, Acts of 1952, was opened in 1957 and currently has 139 licensed beds for rehabilitation services and the care of the chronically ill. An outpatient unit is maintained to provide hemodialysis for patients with chronic kidney disease. Also, the Center is licensed for 36 skilled nursing home beds.

Staff: 1975, 280; 1976, 280;
1977, 280.

LOCAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

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Local health departments provide services to the residents of the State through their staffs of public health nurses, sanitarians, and other health workers. The Administration provides consultation and assistance to local health officers in the development of programs to meet the needs of the population served.

Staff: 1975, 10; 1976, 10; 1977, 10.

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The position of Assistant Secretary for Special Programs (Juvenile Services, Mental Retardation, and proposed Developmental Disabilities Administrations) was established during the fiscal year 1976. He has overall responsibility, on a Departmental

basis, for the management, organization, and direction of the Administrations within the Assistant Secretariat, and the development of a collaborative working relationship of these Administrations within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He designs and recommends policies, procedures, and standards which will insure the development and delivery of quality services, as well as perform other duties as may be assigned by the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

Staff: 1976, 2; 1977, 2.

JUVENILE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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The Department of Juvenile Services, created by Chapter 126, Acts of 1966, is the central coordinating administrative agency for juvenile investigation, probation and after-care services, and for State juvenile diagnostic, training, detention, and rehabilitation institutions. The Director is appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Deputy Director is appointed by the Director with the approval of the Secretary.

The Administration certifies for operation within the State the public and private institutions, organizations and agencies which deal with the Department in the area of juvenile delinquency.

The Administration supervises two State training schools. This includes development and promulgation of regulations, standards of care, and policies affecting operation and management of programs serving children in these schools.

The Administration also supervises the State's four Forestry Camps for delinquent