

(LEAs) in providing appropriate educational programs for all handicapped children and youth in Maryland in compliance with State and federal mandates. It is the responsibility of the Division to ensure compliance with State and federal laws that mandate service be provided for all handicapped children. The Division offers assistance to parents seeking a free, appropriate, special education for their handicapped children, and cooperates and collaborates with other State agencies in order to provide a comprehensive service network to handicapped children.

The Division provides programmatic assistance to LEAs in such areas as individual educational plans, non-discriminatory testing, early childhood programs, personnel development, and program evaluation. It also supervises educational programs and services in approved nonpublic and State institutions and the administration of assessment of children having profound or complex handicaps.

#### DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is responsible for the supervision of a program of direct services to handicapped persons; the development of a Statewide plan to provide rehabilitation services to all the State's handicapped citizens; and the implementation of plans for establishing, staffing, and supervising workshops and rehabilitation facilities.

The Division offers services at regional and local offices located strategically throughout the State. The primary purpose is to provide diagnostic counseling, physical restoration, training, and placement services for every Maryland resident with a vocational handicap resulting from disability.

The Division also administers and operates the Maryland Rehabilitation Center, a multi-million dollar facility. At the Center eligible handicapped persons may undergo a comprehensive program of evaluation, counseling, and training while residing on the premises.

Consultative services are available to workshops and facilities that may be used for federally-funded programs.

The Division's professional personnel also work with community organizations in developing research and demonstration projects designed to improve services to handicapped persons.

#### GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED

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In response to a request by the President of the United States, the Governor established a Governor's Committee to Promote Employment of the Handicapped in 1947. The agency now is known as the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. It is housed within the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (Executive Order 01.01.1980.12). The Governor appoints members for three-year terms and the chairperson for a two-year term.

The Governor's Committee functions primarily as an educational and public relations instrument. It works to create a public awareness of the problems faced by handicapped individuals in finding employment; cooperates with all groups, public and private, in promoting services for the handicapped; and initiates and promotes programs to stimulate hiring the handicapped.

To reach all sections of the State, local committees have been organized in each county and in Baltimore City. The Governor's Committee acts as liaison between the President's Committee and local committees. To coordinate the program and keep committees informed on State and national activities, an internal publication, entitled *Newsworthy*, goes out to State committee members and local committee chairpersons. A quarterly newsletter, *Mainstreamer*, is distributed to citizens and employers interested in the goals and objectives of the Governor's Committee. Anyone interested may receive this publication upon request.

The Committee sponsors annual conferences, awards programs, and poster and journalism contests to promote public awareness of the employment and rehabilitation programs for Maryland's disabled citizens.

The Committee meets quarterly and task forces