

State agencies on all matters pertaining to the juvenile justice system and delinquency prevention. The Council is the designated State agency to receive formula grant funds under provisions of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-415), as amended by the Juvenile Justice Amendments of 1980 (P.L. 96-509). The Council's responsibilities include developing an annual plan in accordance with the federal Act, establishing grant procedures, and making grant awards. Fiscal administration of grant funds is provided by the Juvenile Services Administration.

The Council consists of from fifteen to thirty-three members appointed by the Governor. Members who do not serve by virtue of their office are appointed to four-year terms. The Governor designates the chairperson.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE ADMINISTRATION

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The Preventive Medicine Administration provides and promotes preventive health services to preclude or ameliorate disease or disability. The Administration works through five units: the Office of Infant, Child and Adolescent Health Services; the Office of Maternal Health, Family Planning and Hereditary Disorders; the Office of Epidemiology and Disease Control; the Office of Adult Health Services; and the Office of Services to the Aging.

The Administration's staff is representative of many professions. It includes physicians qualified in the specialties of pediatrics, obstetrics, and epidemiology; public health nurses with special preparation and training in obstetrics and pediatrics; and nutritionists, public health veterinarians, social workers, public health investigators, and health educators.

The Preventive Medicine Administration provides technical and professional assistance and consultation, as well as some direct services, to other Administrations under the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and to the subdivisions, primarily local health departments.

LABORATORIES ADMINISTRATION

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The Laboratories Administration has broad responsibilities for making a wide variety of laboratory tests to assist physicians and health officials in the prevention, diagnosis, and control of human diseases. The Administration makes examinations in connection with the enforcement of the State's health laws, and the chemical, microbiological, and radiological surveillance of the environment related to foods, waters, sewage, air, pharmaceuticals, bedding, hazardous wastes, and upholstery. It licenses all blood banks and clinical laboratories that comply with minimum standards and qualifications. It also certifies laboratories that examine water and dairy products involved in shipments out of Maryland, and periodically inspects all such laboratories to assure compliance.

In addition to the Central Laboratory in Baltimore, there are eight branch laboratories throughout the State.

LOCAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

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In Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City, local health departments serve the public through their staffs of public health nurses, sanitarians, and other health workers. The Local Health Administration assists local health officers in program development.

OFFICE OF CHRONIC AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES

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The Office directs three chronic and rehabilitative hospital centers—Deer's Head Center, Western Maryland Center, and Montebello Center—and the Tawes-Bland Bryant Nursing Home.

DEER'S HEAD CENTER

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Authorized by Chapter 994, Acts of 1945, Deer's Head Center was established in 1950. It is the