

## ADVISORY BOARD OF THE SHELTER, NUTRITION, AND SERVICE PROGRAM

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Within the Department of Human Resources, the Governor established a shelter, nutrition, and service program for homeless people (Chapter 777, Acts of 1984). The Program is coordinated by an advisory board. Appointed by the Governor, the Board consists of sixteen members who serve two-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 131-137).

## MARYLAND CITIZEN BOARD FOR REVIEW OF FOSTER CARE FOR CHILDREN

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The Maryland Citizen Board for Review of Foster Care for Children was established in 1978 to coordinate the activities of local citizen review boards (Chapter 980, Acts of 1978). The State Board promulgates policies and procedures relating to the functions of local review boards. It also makes recommendations to the General Assembly on foster care policies and procedures (Code Family Law Article, secs. 5-535 through 5-547).

The State Board is composed of eleven members. Each local review board of Judicial Circuits 1 through 7 elects a member to the State Board. From Judicial Circuit 8, three State Board mem-

bers are chosen by the local review boards of that circuit. The Governor also appoints one member from his staff. Members serve two-year terms concurrent with their individual terms on the local review board.

The Administrator is appointed by the State Board with the approval of the Secretary of Human Resources. The Administrator is responsible for the administration of the Foster Care Review Board program and for the appointment of its personnel.

Local review board members are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. There are five members and two alternates on each local board.

Every six months, the local citizen review boards review cases of children who have resided in foster care for more than six months to determine what efforts have been made to secure permanent and stable placement for the children. For each child reviewed, a recommendation is sent to the local department of social services and to the juvenile court. With the concurrence of the Social Services Administration, the State Board may establish categories of foster children for whom a satisfactory permanent arrangement has been made and who may be exempt from the local review process.

## INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION

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The Income Maintenance Administration, formerly part of the Social Services Administration, was established by Executive Order in 1980. The Income Maintenance Administration is the central coordinating and directing agency of all public assistance activities in the State, including Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medical Assistance, General Public Assistance, and Food Stamps. It has responsibility for the certification of low income families for Medical Assistance. In agreement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Administration administers the Food Stamp program, which is available in all political subdivisions of the State.

The Administration sets policy for local departments of social services to determine eligibility for financial assistance, Medical Assistance, and Food Stamps. In carrying out this responsibility, the Administration calls upon the local departments of social services for leadership within their communities and for participation in statewide activities.