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CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

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The Child Support Enforcement Administration was created in 1983 to administer the child support enforcement and collection functions formerly exercised by the Income Maintenance Administration and the Social Services Administration (Chapter 61, Acts of 1983).

The Child Support Enforcement Administration has responsibility for child support enforcement activities for families receiving public assistance. All recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) must assign to the State all rights to support. Through local departments of social services, the Administration uses local, State, and federal locator services to find absent parents owing such support, and court orders are then secured requiring payment to the State. Monies collected through this program are used to reimburse the State and federal government for assistance costs. The Administration also serves as the public agency through which child support payments are channeled.

In addition, the Administration provides child support services for custodial parents who do not receive public assistance.

The Executive Director is appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources (Code Family Law Article, secs. 10-106 through 10-117).

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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The Community Services Administration began as the Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity, created by Executive Order in 1964. The Office was made a part of State government by Chapter 306, Acts of 1965, and renamed the Maryland Office of Community Services by Chapter 50, Acts of 1979. By Executive Order, the Community Programs Administration was merged in 1982 with the Office. The Office became the Community Services Administration in 1984 (Chapter 196, Acts of 1984).

The Community Services Administration administers a variety of programs serving the poor, disadvantaged, and others in need. It provides technical assistance and other support to community based organizations, delivers energy assistance through fuel and weatherization grants, provides services to women facing crisis in their lives, and coordinates and provides technical support to commissions and special programs.

The Administration works through eight units: Maryland Energy Assistance Program, Weatherization Assistance Program, Community Services Block Grant Program, Maryland Service Corps, Women's Services Program, Maryland Commission for Women, Governor's Commission on Migratory and Seasonal Labor, and the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

MARYLAND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The Community Services Administration administers the Energy Assistance and Information Program Act. This law authorizes programs designed to help low-income Maryland residents with energy conservation, fuel, or utilities problems (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 490-496).

The Department of Human Resources administers the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) through the Community Services Administration. The Administration subcontracts with twenty local agencies (departments of social services, governments, and community action agencies) to provide energy assistance to eligible low-income households across the State. Under this program, vendors provide a combination of fuel oil, electricity, gas (natural and/or propane), wood, and coal to eligible households statewide.