

Homemaker Program, the Rape Crisis Program, and the Shelter for Homeless Women Program.

The Battered Spouse Program provides services to battered spouses and their children who are forced to leave their homes to safeguard their lives and welfare. The Program began as a model shelter in 1971. It was expanded in 1980 to assist community based programs. Through a network of fourteen community organizations, the Program offers temporary shelter or help in obtaining shelter, counseling, information, referral, and rehabilitation (Code Family Law Article, secs. 4-513 through 4-516).

The Displaced Homemakers Program was created as a model program in 1976. State legislation in 1979 established the model as a permanent project with statewide focus. The Program provides services to homemakers who are displaced due to the death or disability of, or divorce, separation, or abandonment by, a family member upon whom they depended for income. A statewide network of nine community based organizations helps displaced homemakers overcome barriers to self-sufficiency. A statewide office coordinates services and provides technical assistance to the network (Code Family Law Article, secs. 4-601, 4-602).

Established in 1983, the Rape Crisis Program helps provide specialized support services to victims of rape and sexual offenses. Through this program, the Department of Human Resources allocates federal Preventive Health Services Block Grant funds to eleven community based organizations, which provide hotline and counseling services. The Program offers technical assistance to areas of the State without such services.

The Homeless Women's Shelter Program provides shelter, meals, and counseling to homeless women ineligible for other available housing. The Program originated from legislation enacted in 1980 to establish a model crisis shelter for homeless women. Funded by the Department of Human Resources, the model shelter opened in 1981. Currently, the Program maintains a Baltimore City home, which provides temporary residence and counseling for clients from the metropolitan area.

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At the request of the General Assembly, the Governor created this Commission in 1959 as the Governor's Committee for the Regulation and Study of Migratory Labor in Maryland. It is authorized to develop and recommend standards to ensure that out-of-state farm laborers are imported, maintained, and employed in Maryland under satisfactory conditions of housing, sanitation, health, and welfare (Joint Resolution no. 9, Acts of 1959). By Executive Order, the Committee was assigned to the Department of Social Services in 1971 and reassigned in 1976 to the Department of Human Resources. An Executive Order of 1981 reconstituted the Commission under its present name within the Department of Human Resources and expanded its mandate to include seasonal farm workers within the State.

The Commission consists of representatives from State agencies, labor, grower, and management organizations, and the general public.

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