

By Executive Order, the Governor created the Maryland State Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities in 1971 to carry out provisions of the federal Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act (P.L. 91-517), now the Developmental Disabilities Act (P.L. 98-537). In 1973, the Council was reconstituted to enable the State to qualify for certain federal grants. Formerly under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Council was placed within the Office for Handicapped Individuals in 1987 (Executive Order 01.01.1987.08).

The Council serves as an advocate for persons with developmental disabilities. The Council also develops the State plan on developmental disabilities and monitors, reviews, and evaluates its implementation. The Council awards funding annually for demonstration projects that enable people with developmental disabilities to become independent, productive citizens in their communities.

The Governor appoints the members of the Council. At least half the Council consists of persons with developmental disabilities or their parents or guardians, or immediate relatives or guardians of persons with mentally impairing developmental disabilities. Of these, at least one-third must be persons with developmental disabilities (U.S. Code, Title 42, sec. 6024).

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED

Chairperson: John A. Clinton, 1988

Karen G. Colvin; M. Doreen Croser; William B. Fox; Richard Frye; Gertrude R. Jeffers; Margaret Mann, Ph.D.; Jackson McKay; John F. Strahan, M.D.; David Thompson. *Terms expire 1988.*

Stevie M. Carter; Walter M. Dickerson; Dan Ingram; Paul V. Kane; James Letherman; Peggy K. Martin; George McDevitt; Emanuel Orenberg; Frank Ortega; Linda Purcell; Anne Wade; Jacqueline Wiggins. *Terms expire 1989.*

Richard A. Batterton; Michael Brockmeyer; Suzann H. Clay; Richard F. Colburn; John W. Derr; Jack Kaeufer; Kurt Milam; Pierre H. Ossman; Ervina Kennedy Phillips; Phyllis T. Shelton; Stanley W. Stocker; H. Pat Walker. *Terms expire 1990.*

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Established in 1947 as the Governor's Committee to Promote Employment of the Handicapped, the Committee was renamed the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in 1979. In 1980, the Committee was placed under the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the State Department of Education (Executive Order 01.01.1980.12). The Committee became part of

the Office for Handicapped Individuals in 1987 (Executive Order 01.01.1987.09).

The Committee works to create a public awareness of the problems faced by handicapped individuals in finding employment and cooperates with all groups, public and private, in promoting services for the handicapped. The Committee also initiates and promotes programs to stimulate hiring the handicapped.

The Committee promotes meaningful employment opportunities for qualified mentally, physically and emotionally disabled individuals as defined by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Committee strives to enhance public awareness and understanding of barriers to employment that disabled individuals face and of the laws that ensure equal opportunity. The Committee also informs handicapped individuals of opportunities available for habilitation and rehabilitation so that more will develop marketable job skills.

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

Local committees exist in many counties and in Baltimore City. A quarterly newsletter, *Mainstreamer*, is distributed to citizens and employers interested in Committee objectives and to others upon request.

The Committee consists of thirty-five members. The Governor appoints members for three-year terms and designates the chairperson.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' COUNCIL FOR EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISABLED

Appointed by Governor: Mathias J. Devito; Col. Joseph V. DiGiacinto; Jerome W. Geckle; Charles B. Hofmann; Richard E. Hug; Richard E. Marriott; D. Bruce McMahan; Olivia H. Phillips; John A. Picciotto; Thomas S. Saquella; Murray Weingarten; John T. C. Yeh.

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The Chief Executive Officers' Council for Employment of the Disabled was established by the Governor in September 1988.

STATE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Chairperson: Regina Bernard, *designee of Secretary of Human Resources*

Mack Bonner, M.D., *designee of Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene*; Judy Mayer, *designee of Director*