
BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION

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The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and Correctional Education serves handicapped persons. It develops a State plan of rehabilitation services and establishes, staffs, and supervises workshops and rehabilitation facilities (Code Education Article, sec. 21-303).

Under the Bureau are the Attendant Care Program Advisory Committee, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Correctional Education Program.

ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Myrtie B. Adkins

Appointed by State Superintendent of Schools: Mitzi Drummond, 1988; Judy Sanford, 1988; Kathy Snyder, 1988; Price Armstrong Baum; Rhoda Eskwith; Kay Harris Kriegsman, Ph.D.; Peggy Sheeler; Steven Towle.

Agency representatives: Karen G. Colvin; David Coughlin; Vicki Lessans; Ellen Leiserson; Celeste B. Morgan; Catherine A. Raggio; Andrew J. Ungvarsky.

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In 1982, the Attendant Care Program Advisory Committee was established within the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 515, Acts of 1982). The Committee advises the Division on the Attendant Care Program, which provides financial assistance to eligible physically disabled persons. The Committee advises the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and Correctional Education about the Program.

The Committee consists of fifteen members appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools. Of these, at least two are disabled, and three represent advocacy organizations for the disabled. Seven members each represent one of the following agencies: Medicaid Personal Care Program, Policy Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Nonretarded Developmentally Disabled Program Division of the Developmental Disabilities Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Department of Personnel; Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped; Maryland Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities; In-Home Aide Service Program, Social Services Administration, Department of Human Resources; and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation,

State Department of Education (Code Education Article, secs. 21-501 through 21-506).

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation provides rehabilitation services to individuals with physical or mental disabilities to enable them to live and work independently (Rehabilitation Act of 1973). Available through six regional offices, services include medical and vocational evaluation, counseling and guidance, vocational training, independent living skills training, reader services, interpreter services, physical and mental restoration, rehabilitation engineering, job placement assistance, supported employment services, and postemployment services.

The Maryland Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore City is operated by the Division for individuals (particularly those with severe disabilities) who require multiple rehabilitation services. The Center provides a wide range of therapeutic, medical, counseling, and vocational services.

The Division's central office staff administers other rehabilitation programs, including the *Client Assistance Program*, the *Attendant Care Program*, and the *Blind Vending Program*. In addition, the staff provides guidance, technical assistance, and leadership in the development of other programs, including the Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, and coordinates activities with 55 private rehabilitation facilities accredited by the Division.

The Disability Determination Services program is administered by the Division under contract with the Social Security Administration. The Division also is responsible for making disability determinations for Social Security Disability Insurance (Title II) and Supplemental Security Income (Title XVI).

REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Chairperson: Vacancy

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair): not yet appointed

Appointed by Senate President: Vacancy

Appointed by House Speaker: Vacancy

Representatives of Regional Advisory Committees to Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: two vacancies