

OFFICE OF MATERNAL HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING

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The Office of Maternal Health and Family Planning was established as the Office of Maternal and Child Health by the Department in 1987. The Office was renamed by the Department in 1988. The Office is responsible for two divisions: Hereditary Disorders; and Family Planning.

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Created by the Department in 1985, the WIC Office administers the Maryland Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) under federal law (P.L. 95-627). The WIC Program provides health and nutrition services, including supplemental foods, to eligible individuals. The Program serves pregnant, postpartum and breast-feeding women; infants, to one year of age; and children, to their fifth birthday. To be found eligible, an individual must be in one of the covered categories, meet income eligibility requirements, and be at nutritional risk.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Program is administered by the WIC Office through grants to twelve local agencies that serve the entire State. Each local agency determines recipient eligibility, prescribes individually determined food packages, provides nutrition education, prepares required records and reports, and issues food instruments (negotiable checks used in exchange for approved foods). The WIC Office is responsible for ensuring that Maryland's Program accords with federal regulations, guidelines, and instructions.

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INFANT MORTALITY

not yet appointed

The State Advisory Council on Infant Mortality was created within the Department in 1988 (Chapter 228, Acts of 1988). The Council advises the Department on ways to reduce infant mortality,

improve prenatal care, and reduce incidence of low birth weights. The Council also advises the Governor regarding State and federal funds available for prenatal care and reducing infant mortality. Additionally, the Council advocates a comprehensive approach to the social, economic and medical problems of infant mortality.

The Council consists of twelve members appointed to three-year terms by the Governor. Members represent the medical and legal professions, State and local government, county boards of health, and major socio-economic and ethnic groups (Code Health—General Article, secs. 13-701 through 13-706).

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION

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The Developmental Disabilities Administration, formerly the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration, was renamed in 1986 (Chapter 637, Acts of 1986). The Administration plans, develops, and directs a statewide comprehensive system of services for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled persons and their families. Services include programs for disorders such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, epilepsy, and severe communicative disorders. The Administration coordinates its activities with other government, voluntary, and private health, education, and welfare agencies.

The Administration consists of four Divisions: Administration and Management; Program Development and Regulation; Eligibility and Behavioral Services; and Community Services.

The Administration operates residential facilities and also provides funds for purchased care, group homes and apartments, small residential centers, and day activity programs for developmentally disabled persons. In addition, the Administration directs Children's Summer Programs, Family and Individual Support Services, and Supported Employment Programs. Regional offices initiate, coordinate, and evaluate programs in the four regions of the State (Code Health—General Article, secs. 7-101 through 7-1201).

The Program for Hearing-Impaired Infants was established under the Administration in 1985 (Chapter 402, Acts of 1985). The Program provides early identification and follow-up of infants who have a risk factor for developing a hearing impairment.