

possible. It provides employment services, English language and vocational training, cultural orientation, and other services. The Office also administers and implements the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The federal law gave illegal aliens an opportunity to apply for amnesty and thereafter, if eligible, to receive certain public health, education and welfare services.

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS PROGRAM

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#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS BOARD

*not yet appointed*

The Telecommunications for Disabled Individuals Board was authorized in 1987 for appointment in 1988 (Chapter 525, Acts of 1987). In consultation with the Board, the Department of Human Resources is to create, implement, and maintain a dual party telephone message relay program for disabled individuals. The program will use a telecommunications device for the deaf to communicate with an intermediary party who then verbally relays the message to a third party. The system will make telephone use possible for State residents certified as deaf, or of impaired hearing, speech, vision, or mobility.

The Board consists of eleven members appointed by the Governor, who also designates the chairperson. Members serve three-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 6-501 through 6-507).

#### WOMEN'S SERVICES PROGRAM

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The Women's Services Program was created in 1983 by the Department and the Community Services Administration. The Program coordinates services concerned with battered spouses, displaced homemakers, rape crisis, shelter for homeless women, and transitional housing.

The *Battered Spouse Program* provides services to spouses who suffered beatings and their children when they must leave home to safeguard their lives and welfare. The Program began as a model shelter in 1971. Through a network of eighteen community organizations, the Program offers temporary shelter or help in finding shelter, counseling, information, and referral for the victim, and rehabilitation for the abuser (Code Family Law Article, secs. 4-513 through 4-516).

The *Displaced Homemakers Program* was created as a model program in 1976. In 1979, the model became a permanent project with statewide focus (Chapter 339, Acts of 1979). The Program helps 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 network of twelve community-based organizations helps displaced homemakers become self-sufficient through counseling, training, and employment assistance (Code Family Law Article, secs. 4-601, 4-602).

Established in 1983, the *Rape Crisis Program* gives specialized support to victims of rape and sexual assault. Sixteen community-based organizations provide telephone hotlines, counseling, and medical and legal accompaniment.

The *Homeless Women's Shelter Program* originated in 1980 from legislation to establish a model crisis shelter for homeless women. Currently, the Program maintains ten homes, which provide temporary residence and counseling to enable clients to achieve more permanent living situations and resolve the problems which led to the homelessness.

The *Transitional Housing Program* was created in 1986 as part of the Governor's Housing Initiative. Three pilot projects were established consisting of small multi-family residences with supervision and on-site support services. Homeless single mothers and their children live in the residences for up to eighteen months while the women obtain the education and skills needed to become self-sufficient.

#### MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

*Chairperson:* Jo Anne P. Welsh, 1991

*Honorary Chairperson:* Jeanette R. Wolman

Appointed by Governor: Elizabeth F. Johnson; Paula J. Peters; Stuart J. Robinson; Lenel Srochi-Meyerhoff; Eileen M. Stein; Phyllis B. Trickett. *Terms expire 1989.*

Diana M. Bailey; Sally T. Grant; Elizabeth Jones; Esther R. Levin; Richard H. Moore; Florence Perman. *Terms expire 1990.*

Ilene T. Morgan; Artis Mae Peters; Ann Marie Spellbring; Murphy Tuomey; Esther Weisman; *one vacancy. Terms expire 1991.*

Kandyce M. Douglas; Alice C. Hall; Terry C. Hamblin. *Terms expire 1992.*

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The Commission originated in 1965 as the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. To solve pressing social problems and foster human