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The Office for Children, Youth, and Families originated as the Office for Children and Youth in 1978 (Chapter 426, Acts of 1978). The Office was reorganized and received its present name in 1990 (Chapter 419, Acts of 1990). The Office helps agencies, local governments, and organizations to carry out their responsibilities for children and youth effectively and economically. The Office also helps families and the general public learn about programs and services for children and youth.

The Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families oversees the general policy for children, youth, and family services in Maryland. That policy is to promote a stable, safe and healthy environment for children and families. As head of the Office for Children, Youth, and Families, the Special Secretary coordinates the work of government agencies to provide care through prevention, early intervention, and community-based services with priority given to children and families most at risk.

The Special Secretary evaluates public and private programs, services, and plans for children and their families to identify duplications and gaps in service delivery, program resources, inefficiencies, and unmet needs. For programs and services affecting children and their families, the Special Secretary secures and analyzes departmental plans and budget requests; reviews federal, State, local and private funds used by and available to the State; identifies and collates relevant Governor's budget items; issues impact statements; and makes planning and expenditure recommendations to the Governor by September 15th annually and to appropriate department heads as needed.

The Special Secretary maintains liaison with departments and local governments to coordinate services and the use of existing resources. The Special Secretary also implements priority programs identified by the Advisory Committee for Children, Youth, and Families. From representative local Children's Councils and other child advocacy groups, including parents, the Special Secretary receives advice on the resources, needs, and priorities of different localities. In addition, the Special Secretary provides public information on children's services in the State and advises the legislature on the needs of children and their families.

The Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor and is directly responsible to the Governor.