

The Office for Children, Youth, and Families includes the twenty-four local Children's Councils; the State Coordinating Council for Residential Placement of Handicapped Children; the Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board; the Governor's Council on Child Abuse and Neglect; the Advisory Committee for Children, Youth, and Families; the Children and Family Services Reform [Initiative] Project; the Child and Adolescent Services System Program; the Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy; and the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program (Code 1957, Art. 49D, secs. 1-29).

**STATE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT OF
HANDICAPPED CHILDREN**

Chairperson: Walter G. R. Wirsching, designee of Secretary of Juvenile Services

Ex officio: Howard R. Sampson, designee of Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene; Linda M. Heisner, designee of Secretary of Human Resources; Richard J. Steinke, designee of State Superintendent of Schools; Daniel J. O'Brien, Jr., Office of Attorney General; Nancy S. Grasmick, Acting Special Secretary for Children, Youth, & Families; Diane K. Ebberts, Director, Office for Individuals with Disabilities.

Jon Hackbarth, *Executive Director*

333-1803

The State Coordinating Council for Residential Placement of Handicapped Children was established by the Governor in 1982 (Executive Order 01.01.1982.09). The Governor reestablished the Council within the Office for Handicapped Individuals in 1987 (Executive Order 01.01.1987.10). The Council was transferred to the Office for Children, Youth, and Families in 1990 (Chapter 419, Acts of 1990).

The Council has developed procedures for the operation of Local Coordinating Councils to assure that those handicapped children who need residential placement at treatment centers and schools receive a complete plan of care.

With the Local Coordinating Councils, the State Coordinating Council plans, coordinates, and monitors multiple-agency services for handicapped children in residential placements and for those requiring residential placement. It also maintains a multiple-agency information system that assures agency accountability to handicapped children and enables the State to plan for needed services.

The State Coordinating Council consists of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; the Secretary of Human Resources; the Secretary of Juvenile Services; the State Superintendent of Schools; and the Special Secretary for Children,

Youth, and Families; or their designees. The Director of the Office for Individuals with Disabilities serves ex officio as a nonvoting member (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-1502, 9-1503).

CHILD CARE COORDINATOR

Diane J. W. O'Connor, *Child Care Coordinator*

225-4160

The position of Child Care Coordinator was created within the Office for Children and Youth by the Governor in December 1987 (Executive Order 01.01.1987.29). The Coordinator coordinates policy, planning, and development for child day care programs among all State agencies, commissions, councils, boards, and task forces. For businesses, local governments, prospective providers, community groups, and the public, the Coordinator serves as an information clearinghouse and referral office on available child care services, government regulations, and child care financing. In addition, the Coordinator promotes and markets a public-private partnership to meet the child care needs of Maryland's employees, employers, and families (Code 1957, Art. 49D, sec. 8).

DIRECTOR

Eva P. Austin

225-4160

The Director of the Office for Children, Youth, and Families oversees the work of the Children's Councils and is aided by the Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board; the Governor's Council on Child Abuse and Neglect; and the Advisory Committee for Children, Youth, and Families.

CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND ADVISORY BOARD

Phyllis B. Brotman, *Chairperson*, 1992

Deborah D. Richardson, *Vice-Chairperson*, 1991

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair & vice-chair): Mary T. Foster, 1991; Karen Gaines, 1991; Vernell B. Arrington, 1992; Frank T. Richardson, 1992; Cathy Lee Alfandre, 1993; Taghi Modarressi, M.D., 1993; one vacancy.

225-4160

The Children's Trust Fund provides grants to public and private community-based organizations and agencies for innovative programs to prevent child abuse and provide treatment. Formed in 1989, the Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board reviews applications for grants from the Fund (Chapter 757, Acts of 1989).

The Governor appoints the Board's nine members to three-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 49D, secs. 6-7).