COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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The Community Services Administration began as the Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity, created by Executive Order in 1964. The Office was established by statute in 1965 (Chapter 306, Acts of 1965) and renamed the Maryland Office of Community Services in 1979 (Chapter 50, Acts of 1979). By Executive Order, the Community Programs Administration was merged in 1982 with the Office. The Office became the Community Services Administration in 1984 (Chapter 196, Acts of 1984).

The Community Services Administration serves the poor, disadvantaged, and others in need. Programs include adult services, energy assistance, and services to women in crisis. The Administration also coordinates and provides technical support to commissions and special programs (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 6-201 through 6-204).

The Administration works through seven programs: Adult Services; Maryland Energy Assistance; Temporary Emergency Food Assistance; Homeless Services; Legal Services; Refugee Affairs; and Women's Services. Three boards also are overseen by the Administration: the Maryland Commission for Women; the Governor's Commission on Migratory and Seasonal Farm Labor; and the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

OFFICE OF ADULT SERVICES Patricia Fields, Director

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The Office of Adult Services includes Social Services to Adults, Adult Protective Services, In-Home Aide Services, Certified Adult Residential Environment Program, and the Respite Care Program. These programs provide a variety of social services to help vulnerable or elderly citizens strengthen family and community ties and enable them to live in the community.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES
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Adult Protective Services serves persons aged 18 or over who lack the physical or mental capacity to provide for their daily needs. The program works to prevent or remedy neglect, self-neglect, abuse, or exploitation of adults who are unable to protect

their own interests and are at risk of immediate harm to their own person or to others. The program's professional services protect the health, safety, and welfare of endangered, vulnerable adults.

Local departments of social services are the guardians of last resort for vulnerable persons aged 18 to 65. The Office on Aging and area aging agencies serve as the guardians of last resort for vulnerable persons aged 65 or older.

CERTIFIED ADULT RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM Stelios Spiliadis, Director

333-0160

The Certified Adult Residential Environment Program was established within the Social Services Administration in 1986 (Chapter 626, Acts of 1986). The Program houses and serves adults who, because of disability, require a supportive housing arrangement to reside in the community.

The Program develops, certifies, and monitors "care" housing and provides for case management to disabled individuals who reside in that housing. The Program also arranges supportive services for disabled people in "care" housing.

ADVISORY BOARD Bailey E. Fine, Chairperson

Appointed by Governor: Bailey E. Fine; Nathan C. Irby, Jr.; Virginia M. Thomas.

Appointed by Secretary of Human Resources: Stelios Spiliadis

Appointed by Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene: Scott Uhl

Appointed by State Superintendent of Schools: Myrtie B. Adkins

Appointed by Director on Aging: Ilene Rosenthal

The Advisory Board for the Certified Adult Residential Environment Program consists of seven members. Three, including two legislators, are appointed by the Governor. The other four members are designated respectively by the Secretary of Human Resources, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the State Superintendent of Schools, and the Director on Aging (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 138-143).

RESPITE CARE PROGRAM Ellen Rubin, Manager

333-0158

The Respite Care Program provides temporary short-term care to disabled or elderly persons who normally are taken care of by family members. The Program allows family caregivers an interval for rest and renewal.