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**DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES**


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The Division of Rehabilitation Services originated as the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in 1929. In 1992, it became the Division of Rehabilitation Services (Chapter 42, Acts of 1992). The Division provides rehabilitation services to individuals with physical or mental disabilities to enable them to live and work independently (Code Education Article, sec. 21-303). Through six regional offices and 29 local offices, the Division provides medical and vocational evaluation, counseling and guidance, vocational training, training in independent living skills, reader and interpreter services, physical and mental restoration, rehabilitation engineering, job placement aid, and supported employment and postemployment services.

Under the Division are three programs: Client Services; Disability Determination Services; and Program and Administrative Support Services. The Division is aided by the Maryland State Rehabilitation Council, and the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council.

**MARYLAND STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL**  
 Vacancy, *Chairperson*

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The Maryland State Rehabilitation Council was created in October 1993 by the Governor (Executive Order 01.01.1993.25). In accordance with the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Council serves as an advisory body to the Division of Rehabilitation Services. The Council advises and assists the Division in preparing applications; the State Plan for Vocational-Rehabilitation Services; and the strategic plans and amendments to the plans, reports, needs assessments, and evaluations required by federal law. The Council coordinates its work with the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council, the Maryland State Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, and the Maryland Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene.

**MARYLAND STATEWIDE  
 INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

Peggy K. Martin, *Chairperson*, 1995

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In September 1993, the Governor established the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council (Executive Order 01.01.1993.24). The Council

originally had been formed in 1988 by the State Department of Education as an advisory body to the then Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Today, the Council assists the Division of Rehabilitation Services in submitting, monitoring, and evaluating the State Plan for Independent Living Rehabilitation Services.

**CLIENT SERVICES**

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At regional and local offices throughout the State, Client Services provides counseling, physical restoration, vocational training, and job placement. Emphasis is placed on serving persons with severe disabilities and securing competitive employment for clients.

**MARYLAND REHABILITATION CENTER**  
 Niles Ellingson, *Director*

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The Maryland Rehabilitation Center opened in 1972. The Center is run by the Division for persons (particularly those with severe disabilities) who need multiple rehabilitation services. The Center offers a wide range of therapeutic, medical, counseling and vocational services. At the Center, eligible disabled persons undergo a comprehensive program of evaluation, counseling, and training and may reside on the premises. Consultation services also are available for workshops and facilities used for federally funded programs.

**DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES**  
 Myrtie B. Adkins, *Director*

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The Disability Determination Services program is administered by the Division under contract with the Social Security Administration. Established in 1955, Disability Determination Services adjudicates claims for Social Security Disability Insurance (Title II) and Supplemental Security Income (Title XVI). The office provides direct access to rehabilitation services for disabled persons through expedited referrals to Client Services.

**PROGRAM & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES**

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Program and Administrative Support Services helps provide vocational rehabilitation services throughout the State. This office also administers the Maryland Vending Program for the Blind.