

To prevent long-term dependence on public assistance, the Program encourages welfare recipients to take responsibility for their children's school attendance and health care. The Program requires parents to secure regular comprehensive, preventive health care for their children from birth to age 6. School-age children must attend school at least 80 percent of the time. For each child not in compliance, a standard deduction is made from the family's monthly benefit check. Supportive intervention services, such as counseling and seminars, are available to assist parents. Also, bonuses may be earned for prenatal health care of pregnant women or for preventive health care of children over age 6.

#### DISABILITY ENTITLEMENT ADVOCACY PROGRAM

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Begun in 1987, the Disability Entitlement Advocacy Program helps disabled recipients of General Public Assistance apply for federal Medicaid, Social Security, and Supplemental Security Income benefits. The Program also aids in the documentation process and acts as advocate for persons with disabilities at entitlement and appeal hearings.

#### OFFICE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE

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The Office of Quality Assurance formerly was the Office of Field Operations and was reorganized under its current name in 1992. The Office assures that local departments of social services comply with State and federal regulations for programs administered by the Income Maintenance Administration. The Office also serves as a liaison between the local departments and State agencies.

#### OFFICE OF PROGRAM INNOVATIONS

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The Office of Program Innovations originated in 1980 as the Office of Program Support and was reorganized in 1992 under its present name. The Office staffs the Governor's Commission on Welfare Policy, charged with comprehensively revamping or replacing the current system of federal and State public assistance. The Office also oversees the Welfare Policy Institute through which Morgan State University, University of Maryland at Baltimore, and the University of Baltimore provide technical and research expertise to the Governor's Commission on Welfare Policy.

#### OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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The Office of Administrative Services provides centralized administrative services for budget, procurement, inventory, equipment, personnel, and audit. The Office also oversees research and analysis.

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### 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 Executive Director is appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources with the Governor's approval (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 6-202).

The Administration works through seven programs: Adult Services; Maryland Energy Assistance; Food and Nutrition Services; Homeless Services; Legal Services; Refugee Affairs; and Women's Services. Four boards also are overseen by the Administration: the Maryland Commission for Women; the Governor's Commission on Migratory and Seasonal Farm Labor; the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs; and the Governor's Advisory Committee on Asian-Pacific American Affairs through the Office of Asian-Pacific American Affairs.

#### MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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The Commission originated in 1965 as the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. To examine pressing social problems and foster an understanding of issues affecting women, the Commission was reactivated in 1968 as the Maryland