

The Office of Adult Services includes Social Services to Adults, Adult Protective Services, In-Home Aide Services, and the Certified Adult Residential Environment 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.

SOCIAL SERVICES TO ADULTS

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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.

IN-HOME AIDE SERVICES

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ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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In 1982, the Attendant Care Program Advisory Committee was organized within the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education (Chapter 515, Acts of 1982). In 1992, the Committee was reformed within the Department of Human Resources (Chapter 165, Acts of 1992). The Committee advises the Community Services Administration on the Attendant Care Program, which provides financial aid to eligible physically disabled persons.

The Committee's fifteen members are appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources. At least two are disabled, and three represent advocacy organizations for the disabled. One member represents each following agency: Medicaid Personal Care Program, Policy Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Developmental Disabilities Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Department of Personnel; Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities; Maryland Planning Council on Devel-

opmental Disabilities; In-Home Aide Services, Community Services Administration, Department of Human Resources; and Division of Rehabilitation Services, State Department of Education (Code Education Article, secs. 21-501 through 21-506).

RESPIRE CARE PROGRAM

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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.

CERTIFIED ADULT RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

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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*

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).

MARYLAND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The Department of Human Resources administers the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) through the Community Services Administration. The Administration subcontracts with twenty local agencies (departments of social services, governments, and community action agencies) and 450 energy suppliers to provide energy assistance to eligible low-income people across the State. Under the Program, vendors provide a combination of fuel oil, electricity, gas (natural and/or