

Appointed by the Governor, the Board consists of sixteen members who serve two year terms (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 134-137).

LEGAL SERVICES

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Legal Services, then known as Judicare, was created in 1971. It helps low-income persons obtain civil legal services.

Through a pro bono supplementation program, Legal Services encourages private attorneys to take pro bono cases by paying \$30 an hour, without a cap, to attorneys who have taken a case from a participating pro bono program and have put in an initial 20 hours of volunteer time on that particular case. Supplementation is paid after the attorney has both put in the 20 hours of pro bono time and requested coverage under the supplementation program.

Legal Services contracts with the Legal Aid Bureau and the Maryland Disability Law Center to represent children in Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) cases and, also with the Center, to represent persons subject to Adult Protective Services proceedings.

Court-appointed attorneys are paid by Legal Services to represent children in CINA and other juvenile causes in which the Department of Human Resources is involved, CINA parents in termination of parental rights proceedings, and persons subject to Adult Protective Services proceedings.

With the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Legal Services has a contract that funnels to the Corporation each year the half million dollars of State support provided by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Act.

MARYLAND OFFICE OF REFUGEE AFFAIRS

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The Maryland Office of Refugee Affairs was established in 1980 by the Department. The Office helps refugees residing in Maryland to become economically and socially self-sufficient. It provides employment services, English language and vocational training, cultural orientation, and other services.

The Office also administers and implements the State Legalization Impact Assistance Grant (SLIAG) provisions of the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The federal law gave illegal aliens an opportunity to apply for amnesty and thereafter, if eligible, to receive certain public health, education and welfare services. The Grant reimburses allowable costs incurred by the State and local governments in providing such services.

MARYLAND REFUGEE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Patricia S. Maloof, *Chairperson*

The Maryland Refugee Advisory Council was formed in 1980 to conform with federal regulations. Members represent voluntary resettlement agencies, service providers, refugees, and the private sector. They are appointed to one-year terms by the Executive Director of the Community Services Administration.

WOMEN'S SERVICES

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The Women's Services Program was created in 1983 by the Department and the Community Services Administration. The Program was renamed in 1991 as the Women's Advocacy Program. In 1992, the Program received its present name.

Women's Services coordinates services for battered spouses, displaced homemakers, victims of crime, rape crisis, shelter for homeless women, and transitional housing. In addition, Women's Services administers the New Choices Program of the Primary Prevention Initiative within the Income Maintenance Administration. Under the Program, workshops on problem-solving are conducted as a supportive service to recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) who have not met program requirements for preventive health care or school attendance. Participation in New Choices allows families to find solutions for meeting program requirements without losing any of their AFDC benefits.

The *Battered Spouse Program* provides services to spouses who suffered beatings and their children when they must leave home to safeguard their lives and welfare. The Program began as a model shelter in 1971. Through a network of eighteen community organizations, the Program offers temporary shelter or help in finding shelter, counseling, information, and referral for the victim, and rehabilitation for the abuser (Code Family Law Article, secs. 4-513 through 4-516).

The *Displaced Homemakers Program* was created as a model program in 1976. In 1979, the model became a permanent project with statewide focus (Chapter 339, Acts of 1979). The Program helps homemakers who are displaced due to the death or disability of, or divorce, separation, or abandonment by a family member upon whom they depended for income. A network of twelve community-based organizations helps displaced homemakers become self-sufficient through counseling, training, and employment assistance (Code Family Law Article, secs. 4-601, 4-602).

Established in 1983, the *Rape Crisis Program* gives specialized support to victims of rape and sexual assault. Sixteen community-based organiza-