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## DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

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The Division of Rehabilitation Services began as the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in 1929. In 1992, it received its present name (Chapter 42, Acts of 1992).

The Division of Rehabilitation Services helps enable persons with physical or mental disabilities to live and work independently (Code Education Article, sec. 21-303). Through four regional offices and twenty-nine local offices, the Division provides medical and vocational evaluation, counseling and guidance, and training in vocations and independent-living skills. These offices give reader and interpreter services, physical and mental restoration, and rehabilitation engineering. They help persons with disabilities find and keep jobs. Through supported employment, the offices monitor clients' job performance and provide on-the-job training and coaching. They also assist former clients, as needed, who are employed.

The Division develops and implements the Interagency State Plan for Transitioning Students with Disabilities (Chapter 435, Acts of 1995). To coordinate postgraduate services to students with disabilities, Division staff work with other divisions; the Department of Business and Economic Development; the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and the Office for Individuals with Disabilities.

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 Advisory Council, and the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council.

### MARYLAND STATE REHABILITATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

David R. Williamson, *Chair*, 1998

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The Maryland State Rehabilitation Advisory Council was created in October 1993 (Executive Order 01.01.1993.25). The Council advises the Division of Rehabilitation Services (federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended).

The Council helps the Division prepare applications; strategic plans; amendments to plans, reports, needs assessments, and evaluations required by federal law; and the State Plan for Vocational-Rehabilitation Services. 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

Council members are appointed by the Governor to three-year terms.

### 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. The office serves persons with severe disabilities and secures competitive employment for them.

### MARYLAND REHABILITATION CENTER

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The Maryland Rehabilitation Center opened in 1972. The Center assists persons (particularly those with severe disabilities) who need multiple services. It offers therapy, medical care, counseling, and vocational services. Eligible persons with disabilities are evaluated, counseled, and trained and may reside at the Center.

### DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES

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

### PROGRAM & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

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