

nosocomial infections, and animal-borne diseases transmittable to humans. In addition, the Office supervises health programs for refugees and migrants. The Office oversees three centers: Clinical Epidemiology; Community Epidemiology; and Veterinary Public Health.

**OFFICE OF FOOD PROTECTION  
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Formerly the Office of Food and Product Health, the Office of Food Protection and Consumer Health Services received its present name in 1988. By eliminating or minimizing exposure to or consumption of unsafe commodities and substances, the Office prevents disease, disability, and death. The Office controls the manufacture, distribution, and sale of milk, food, and consumer products. In addition, the Office establishes and enforces regulations regarding migratory labor camps, swimming pools, mobile home parks, campgrounds, youth camps, and outdoor music festivals.

The Office is aided by the Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council and operates through five divisions: Budgets, Permits, and Licenses; Community Services; Dietetic Services; Food Control; and Milk Control.

**YOUTH CAMP SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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The Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council was established in 1986 (Chapter 116, Acts of 1986). The Council helps the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene develop and review regulations for certifying youth camps. These regulations cover safety procedures; sanitation; medical services; water supplies; sewage disposal; refuse collection and disposal; fire and safety standards; personnel screening procedures; and reporting systems for fatalities, serious illnesses, or accidents. All youth camps must comply with these regulations.

The Council's eleven members are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and Senate advice and consent (Code Health—General Article, secs. 14-401 through 14-411).

**LABORATORIES OFFICE**

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Formerly the Laboratories Administration, the Laboratories Office became part of the Community Health Surveillance and Laboratories Administration in 1987. The Office has broad responsibilities for laboratory testing to help physicians and health officials prevent, diagnose, and control human diseases. The Office performs examinations in connection with the enforcement of State health laws, and the chemical, microbiological, and radiological surveillance of the environment related to foods, waters, sewage, air, pharmaceuticals, and hazardous wastes. Laboratory tests are conducted to support State occupational safety and health regulations and to enforce pure food and drug laws.

The Office develops standards and regulations for medical laboratories, tissue banks, and physician office laboratories to ensure the quality of laboratory services. It also certifies and periodically inspects laboratories that examine water and dairy products for shipment out of Maryland. In addition to a central laboratory in Baltimore, the Office oversees seven branch laboratories and five divisions: Administrative and Support Services; Clinical Lab Services; Environmental Chemistry; Microbiology; Quality Assurance, Safety, and Training; and Virology and Immunology.

**LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

John G. Newby, M.D., *Co-Chair*, 1996  
Blair M. Eig, M.D., *Co-Chair*, 1996

Authorized in 1989, the Laboratory Advisory Committee advises the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on matters relating to medical laboratories (Chapter 330, Acts of 1989).

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene appoints the Committee and names the chair.

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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
ADMINISTRATION**

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The Developmental Disabilities Administration originated in 1966 as the Division of Mental Retardation within the Bureau of Preventive Medical Services of the Office of Medical Care Services. In 1970, the Division was reformed into a Directorate of Mental Retardation from which the Mental Retardation Administration was created in 1971. The Administration was reorganized in 1982 as the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration (Chapter 430, Acts of 1982). In 1986, the Administration received its present name (Chapter 637, Acts of 1986).

The Developmental Disabilities Administration plans, develops, and directs a statewide comprehen-