

MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL HEALTH COUNCIL

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The Maryland State School Health Council was formed in 1946 by the State Department of Health and the State Department of Education. Reorganized in 1966, the Council advises the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the State Department of Education on the school health program. The Council helps develop and maintain programs to provide a healthful school environment, health and safety instruction, and school health services. It also serves as a forum for the two State departments, their local counterparts, and other groups concerned with the health of school-age children.

The Council includes two representatives appointed by each of the twenty-four local health and education departments. The Executive Board consists of five members elected by the Council and representatives of health and education agencies; State and local government; medical and dental associations; and education organizations.

OFFICE OF CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION

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The Office of Chronic Disease Prevention originated in the 1960s as the Regional Medical Program which later became the Adult Health Program. When the Local and Family Health Administration was formed in 1989, the Program was reorganized under it as the Office of Chronic Disease Prevention.

The Office reduces the risk factors for chronic diseases and injuries and the complications of diabetes; assures tests for early detection and, if appropriate, diagnosis and treatment of disease; and provides information to the public on rehabilitative services, treatment options for breast cancer, and breast reconstruction. The Office is organized into four divisions: Cancer Control; Cardiovascular Health and Nutrition; Diabetes Control; and Injury and Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation.

OFFICE OF HEREDITARY DISORDERS

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The first programs of the Office of Hereditary Disorders were initiated in 1964. The Division of Hereditary Disorders, formed in 1973, was reorganized as the Office of Hereditary Disorders in 1990.

The Office works to reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by genetic disorders and birth defects. The State program coordinated by the Office provides alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) testing to pregnant women; screens nearly every newborn baby in Maryland for birth defects; treats genetic metabolic diseases and hemoglobin disorders, including sickle cell disease; and provides clinical services for other genetic disorders. The Office also maintains a reporting and information system on genetic disorders and birth defects to collect data and give information to parents of children with disorders and defects. Educational programs on genetics and genetic services are offered by the Office to health professionals, educators, and the general public.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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The Office of Management Services was formed in 1991 to consolidate administrative and fiscal functions of the Local and Family Health Administration. The Office is responsible for budget preparation, grants management, personnel, accounts payable, legislation, and regulations.

OFFICE OF MATERNAL HEALTH
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The Office of Maternal Health and Family Planning originated in 1922 as the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health and Services to Crippled Children. The Bureau had become the Division of Maternal and Child Health under the Bureau of Preventive Medicine by 1951, under the Bureau of Preventive Medical Services by 1967, and under the Preventive Medicine Administration in 1969. The Division was renamed the Office of Maternal Health, Family Planning, and Hereditary Disorders by 1985. As the Office of Maternal and Child Health it was placed under the Family Health Administration in 1987. The Office was made part of the Local and Family Health Administration in 1989 and renamed the Office of Maternal Health and Family Planning in 1990.

The Office works to improve the health of women of childbearing age and their babies. With federal and State funds, the Office directs prenatal care and family planning services offered by local health departments and others. The Office also administers special grants to improve the reproductive health of adolescents and introduce new contraceptive techniques into the public health system.