

**GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON MIGRATORY
& SEASONAL FARM LABOR**

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At the request of the General Assembly, the Governor created the Commission in 1959 as the Governor's Committee for the Regulation and Study of Migratory Labor in Maryland (Joint Resolution no. 9, Acts of 1959). In 1971, the Committee was assigned by Executive Order to the Department of Employment and Social Services and reassigned in 1976 to the Department of Human Resources. In 1981, the Governor, by Executive Order, reconstituted the Commission under its present name within the Department of Human Resources and expanded its mandate to include seasonal farm workers within the State (Executive Orders 01.01.1981.01; 01.01.1984.02).

The Commission develops and recommends standards for housing, sanitation, health, and welfare for out-of-state farm laborers who travel, live, and work in Maryland. Members are appointed by the Governor.

**OFFICE OF INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT**

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Organized in 1987, the Office of Information Management directs the management information systems of the Department. The Office is responsible for computer applications and systems, computer and communication equipment, computer peripheral equipment, telephone systems and equipment, ancillary facility and support equipment, and consumables and supplies for Department facilities throughout the State.

**PLANNING, LEGISLATION,
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Created in 1995, Planning, Legislation, and Innovation makes policy, designs programs, and develops initiatives. The Deputy Secretary formulates social welfare policy; identifies federal and State legislative issues, particularly in reforms; and promulgates regulations reflecting new laws. The Deputy Secretary acts for the Secretary at administrative hearings and appeals; finds alternative funding sources for programs; and does strategic

planning for the Department. Under the Deputy Secretary are four divisions: Innovation; Legislation; Planning; and Regulations.

DIVISION OF INNOVATION

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Formed in 1995, the Division of Innovation looks for new ways to deliver human services. With the Governor's Council on Management and Productivity, the Division explores privatization and ways to collaborate with State agencies, advocacy groups, nonprofit agencies, and business. The Division also seeks sources of funding from federal, State, local and private grants.

DIVISION OF PLANNING

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With local departments of social services, the Division of Planning is responsible for strategic planning. It collects statistics and analyses for making social and economic policy decisions. With the Office of Administrative Hearings, the Division holds hearings and appeals for departmental entitlement programs, analyzes hearing results, and conducts in-house training. The Division also represents the Department in the federal Empowerment Zone Initiative.

**PROGRAMS & LOCAL
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The Deputy Secretary for Programs and Local Operations oversees the Department's major programs. In conjunction with local departments of social services, these programs are carried out by four administrations: Child Care; Community Services; Family Investment; and Social Services.

**OFFICE OF PROJECT INDEPENDENCE
MANAGEMENT**

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A federally-mandated program, *Project Independence* was started in 1989. The Project is a work and training program for welfare recipients. With the Department of Business and Economic Development and the State Department of Education, the Project seeks to move clients from welfare dependency to economic self-sufficiency through education, skills training, work-related activities, support services, and job placement.