
CHILD-CARE ADMINISTRATION

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The Child-Care Administration originated as the Office of Child-Care Licensing and Regulation in 1988 when the Secretary of Human Resources was authorized to adopt rules and regulations for the licensing and operation of child-care centers (Chapter 247, Acts of 1988). The Office merged with the Child-Care Unit of the Social Services Administration to form the Child-Care Administration in December 1990.

Child-care centers must provide children with safe and sanitary conditions; proper care, protection, and supervision; and promote good health, and sound growth and development. To achieve these ends, the Administration regulates child-care centers, family day-care homes, certified child-care providers, and nonpublic nursery schools. It also administers the State's subsidy payments for eligible families (Purchase of Care), Child-Care and Development Block Grants, and federal Dependent-Care Block Grants. The Administration may suspend, revoke, or deny licenses to child-care facilities. To increase the number of child-care facilities in Maryland, the Administration works with consumers and advocacy groups (Code Family Law Article, secs. 5-570 through 5-589).

The Administration oversees Regional Child-Care Offices, and four other offices: Administration and Management; Licensing; Program Development; and Program Standards.

CHILD-CARE ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Formed in 1991, the Child-Care Administration Advisory Council advises the Child-Care Administration on regulations, issues, problems, and interagency priorities (Chapter 394, Acts of 1991).

The Council has from twenty-one to twenty-five members. These include a senator named by the Senate President and a delegate selected by the House Speaker. Other members are appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources (Code Family Law Article, secs. 5-590 through 5-593).

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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The Community Services Administration began as the Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity,

created by Executive Order in 1964. The Office was established by statute in 1965 (Chapter 306, Acts of 1965) and renamed the Maryland Office of Community Services in 1979 (Chapter 50, Acts of 1979). By Executive Order, the Community Programs Administration merged in 1982 with the Office. The Office became the Community Services Administration in 1984 (Chapter 196, Acts of 1984).

The Community Services Administration serves the poor, disadvantaged, and others in need. Programs include adult services, energy assistance, homeless services, legal services, and services to women in crisis. The Administration also coordinates and provides technical support to commissions and special programs (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 6-201 through 6-204).

The Executive Director is appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources with the Governor's approval (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 6-202).

The Administration works through six programs: Adult Services; Maryland Energy Assistance; Homeless Services; Legal Services; New Americans; and Women's Services.

OFFICE OF ADULT SERVICES

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The Office of Adult Services was formed within the Social Services Administration as the Office of Adult and Family Services. In 1987, it was renamed Office of Adult Services. It transferred to the Community Services Administration in 1990. The Office helps vulnerable or elderly citizens strengthen family and community ties so they may live in the community.

Under the Office are Adult Protective Services; the Certified Adult Residential Environment Program; In-Home Aide Services; and Social Services to Adults.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

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Adult Protective Services protects the health, safety, and welfare of endangered, vulnerable adults, aged 18 or over, who lack the physical or mental capacity to provide for their daily needs. The program works to prevent or remedy neglect, self-neglect, abuse, or exploitation of adults unable to protect their own interests or at risk of harming themselves or others.

Local departments of social services are the guardians of last resort for vulnerable persons aged 18 to 65. The Office on Aging and area aging agencies serve as the guardians of last resort for vulnerable persons aged 65 or older.