

**CERTIFIED ADULT RESIDENTIAL
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**

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The Certified Adult Residential Environment Program was established within the Social Services Administration in 1986 (Chapter 626, Acts of 1986). The Program transferred to the Community Services Administration in 1990.

The Program arranges for private citizens to accept into their homes and care adults with disabilities who otherwise would reside in institutions. The Program develops such housing, licenses care givers, and places clients in homes. Its case managers meet with care providers and clients to monitor these assisted-living arrangements. The Program serves persons with mental or physical disabilities, including persons with HIV/ AIDS.

IN-HOME AIDE SERVICES

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In-Home Aide Services provides necessary assistance in the home for people whose cases are managed through local departments of social services. Eligibility for this assistance does not depend on income.

**ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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In 1982, the Attendant Care Program Advisory Committee was organized within the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education (Chapter 515, Acts of 1982). In 1992, the Committee was reformed within the Department of Human Resources (Chapter 165, Acts of 1992). The Committee advises the Community Services Administration on the Attendant Care Program, which provides financial aid to eligible physically disabled persons.

The Committee's fifteen members are appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources (Code Education Article, secs. 21-501 through 21-506).

RESPIRE CARE PROGRAM

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Started in 1984, the Respite Care Program provides temporary short-term care for disabled or elderly persons to whom family members normally give care. Services may be scheduled or given as needed. They may be offered in the home or in day-care facilities, nursing-care facilities, the home of a certified caseworker, community-based respite-care homes, or other sites approved or requested by the family. By allowing the family much needed breaks from care giving, the Program reduces the likelihood of institutionalization, neglect, or abuse.

SOCIAL SERVICES TO ADULTS

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Social Services to Adults is the Department's core program of social work services for adults aged 18 and older. The program helps adults to be self-supporting and self-sufficient and to avoid abuse, neglect, or exploitation. It helps those who need institutional care secure it and protects those who do not from unnecessary institutionalization. These services build, sustain, and augment family and community support.

MARYLAND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The Maryland Energy Assistance Program began as a pilot program in 1977. It was reformed as the Energy Crisis Intervention Program in 1978 and received its present name in 1980.

The Maryland Energy Assistance Program provides fuel oil, electricity, gas (natural and propane), wood, and coal to eligible low-income people across the State. Eligibility for assistance is based on household size, income, fuel type, and geographic location. Those with the greatest need receive the highest level of assistance. Benefits reflect a fixed portion of average fuel consumption based on fuel type. They range from 32 to 85 percent of average consumption. Heating assistance is offered to eligible tenants and homeowners. Maryland is the first state to offer this aid to shelters for battered spouses and the homeless. The Program subcontracts with twenty local agencies (departments of social services, governments, community action agencies) and 450 energy suppliers to provide this assistance.

The Program also offers Emergency Energy Assistance to householders certified eligible for regular energy assistance benefits. Provided on a one-time-only basis, this assistance is for fuel deliveries, utility cut-offs, emergency repairs, blankets, emergency space heaters, or emergency shelter. It may not exceed \$180. Benefits provided are paid directly to energy vendors selected by the eligible household. Under contract with the State, vendors deliver fuel to a household until the family's benefit amount is exhausted.

HOMELESS SERVICES

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Within the Community Services Administration, the Governor established the *Homeless Services Program* in 1984 (Chapter 777, Acts of 1984). The Program provides shelter, food, and services to homeless people (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 131-