

7.

The Department may designate existing public or private agencies or organizations within the State as its agents as, in its discretion, seems desirable or necessary for the purposes of this Article. The Department may expend funds for aiding such agencies or organizations or for purchasing services therefrom.

8.

The Department shall have an office, bureau or section for research and development to collect and compile accurate statistics and reliable data on all aspects of the program. This agency shall keep abreast of current developments in the field and shall assess existing programs and activities and aid in the development of new or improved means of prevention, control and treatment of juvenile offenders. It shall utilize research and information available from all sources and, if necessary, initiate studies to aid the Director in general planning and program development for the Department.

9.

The State Department of Juvenile Services may accept any allotments of Federal funds and commodities and manage and dispose of them in whatever manner may be required by Federal law, and may take advantage of any Federal programs, grants-in-aid, or other public or private assistance which may be offered or available which will accomplish or further the objectives of this Article.

10.

(a) The provisions of Section 399 of Article 27 of this Code (1957 Edition, as amended) shall not be construed or applied as ~~limited~~ LIMITING the powers granted by this Article to the Department of Juvenile Services.

(b) Any institution or agency operating under the authority of the Department of Juvenile Services WHERE CHILDREN ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT ARE TREATED shall be deemed to be one of the "places of confinement" for the purposes of Section 139 of Article 27 of this Code, as amended from time to time.

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11.

As of July 1, 1967, the State Department of Juvenile Services, within the annual budgetary appropriations therefor, may establish, maintain, and operate facilities as may be needed properly to diagnose, care for, train, educate, and rehabilitate children in need of these services, including, but not limited to, the Maryland Training School for Boys, Boys' Village of Maryland, Montrose School for Girls, Maryland Children's Center, Thomas J. S. Waxter Children's Center, the Victor Cullen School, and the several forestry camps.

12.

(a) All of these institutions and agencies provided for in Section 11 shall exercise their functions under the supervision, direction,