

(7) LIAISON WITH DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COORDINATE SERVICES AND MAXIMIZE RESOURCES IN DEVELOPING PROGRAMS;

~~(7)~~ (8) LIAISON WITH REPRESENTATIVE LOCAL CHILDREN'S COUNCILS AND OTHER CHILD ADVOCACY GROUPS, INCLUDING PARENTS, TO RECEIVE ADVICE ON RESOURCES, NEEDS, AND PRIORITIES IN THE DIFFERENT LOCALITIES;

~~(8)~~ (9) PROVIDING EFFECTIVE PUBLIC INFORMATION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN MARYLAND;

~~(9)~~ (10) ADVISING THE LEGISLATURE ON THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND

~~(10)~~ (11) FORMULATING RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) HIS RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

(1) RESPONSIVENESS TO LOCAL CHILDREN'S COUNCILS AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE;

(2) PREPARATION OF AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE PUBLIC.

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(A) THE CHILDREN'S COUNCILS ARE A PART OF THE MARYLAND OFFICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND EXERCISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THERE SHALL BE A CHILDREN'S COUNCIL IN EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY.

(C) EACH CHILDREN'S COUNCIL IS APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THAT SUBDIVISION AND INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND MEMBERS APPOINTED AT LARGE.

(D) OF THE MEMBERS INITIALLY APPOINTED:

(1) ONE-HALF SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS; AND

(2) THE REMAINDER SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS.

(E) AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL TERM MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS.

(F) IN THE EVENT OF THE RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER OR A VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF A CHILDREN'S COUNCIL FOR ANY REASON, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SUBDIVISION SHALL APPOINT A QUALIFIED PERSON TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE MEMBER.