

The Secretary of Human Resources shall establish and [maintain] ADMINISTER A PROGRAM TO ASSIST BATTERED SPOUSES AND THEIR CHILDREN. AS ONE COMPONENT OF THE STATE PROGRAM, A [a model] THE shelter [home] SHALL BE ~~located~~ ESTABLISHED in a major population center of the State AND SHALL SERVE THE SURROUNDING AREA. [The model shelter shall be located so as to facilitate the use of the shelter by battered spouses and their children living in the region surrounding the shelter. The purpose of the model shelter shall be to house, care for, and rehabilitate battered spouses and their children. The shelter home shall be designed and staffed as follows:] IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE BATTERED SPOUSES AND THEIR CHILDREN, IN EACH GEOGRAPHICAL REGION OF THE STATE, AS FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET, TEMPORARY SHELTER, OR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SHELTER, COUNSELING, INFORMATION, REFERRAL, AND REHABILITATION.

(A) THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS GOVERN THE EACH SHELTER;

[[a]] (1) The shelter shall provide battered spouses and their children with a temporary residence and necessary counselling.

[[b]] (2) The Social Services Administration shall supervise, ~~direct, control and manage~~ the EACH shelter home.

[[c]] (3) The Social Services Administration shall establish standards of care and admission policies. The Administration shall monitor the operation of the EACH shelter home and annually evaluate its effectiveness.

[[d]] (4) The EACH shelter home is subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the Social Services Administration. The home shall accept, from the police and other referral sources in the community, battered spouses and their children for temporary shelter. Housing may be provided under this subtitle only if the applicant for housing is a resident of Maryland at the time application for housing is made.

(B) AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, THE SECRETARY MAY EXTEND THE BATTERED SPOUSES PROGRAM OR ANY PORTION THEREOF TO OTHER AREAS IN THIS STATE. EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL SHELTER SHELTERS OR THE PROVISION OF FUNDS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL ORGANIZATION ORGANIZATIONS OR AGENCIES WHICH DEMONSTRATE A CAPABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO ADMINISTER A BATTERED SPOUSE PROGRAM.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ANNUALLY SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH SHALL INCLUDE A REPORT ON THE CENTER-AND-ITS-PROGRAMS PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.