

(1) [The supervision of the duties and functions of the Office] BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICE;

(2) [Examination of] EXAMINE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE programs, services, and plans for children under the age of 18 for the purpose of identifying duplications, [or] inefficiencies, [effectiveness of programs, resources,] and unmet needs AND EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THOSE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND PLANS;

(3) [Securing and analyzing] SECURE AND ANALYZE departmental plans and budget requests affecting children's programs and services;

(4) Review [of] federal, STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE funds utilized and available to the State for children's programs and services;

(5) [Collation of] IDENTIFY AND COLLATE items in the Governor's budget related to programs and services for children and youth and issuance of impact statements;

(6) [Formulation of] FORMULATE recommendations, NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR, to the Governor[, ] and other appropriate department heads on planning and expenditures for children's programs and services;

(7) [Liaison] MAINTAIN LIAISON with departments and local governments to coordinate services and maximize resources in developing programs;

(8) [Liaison] MAINTAIN 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;

(9) [Providing] WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS OF THE OFFICE'S BUDGET, CARRY OUT PROGRAMS OF effective public information AND EDUCATION on children's services in Maryland;

(10) [Advising the legislature on the needs of children and their families; and] FORMULATE POLICY POSITIONS OR STATEMENTS ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE GOVERNOR, COMMUNICATE THOSE POSITIONS OR STATEMENTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(11) [Formulating] ADOPT rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this article;

(12) IMPLEMENT THE PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE;

(13) DELEGATE SUCH OTHER ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE; AND