

(I) "LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCIL" MEANS A LOCAL COUNCIL THAT COORDINATES SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT AND CHILDREN WITH INTENSIVE NEEDS.

(J) "LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD" MEANS AN ENTITY ESTABLISHED OR DESIGNATED BY A COUNTY UNDER ~~SUBTITLE~~ TITLE 2 OF THIS ~~TITLE~~ ARTICLE TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL, INTERAGENCY SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

(K) "PUBLIC AGENCY" MEANS A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OR A QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

(L) (1) "RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT" MEANS A PLACEMENT IN:

(I) A HOSPITAL, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE CHILDREN'S CABINET REGULATIONS;

(II) A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER;

(III) A RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL; OR

(IV) ANOTHER OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN CHILDREN'S CABINET REGULATIONS.

(2) "RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE A PLACEMENT IN:

(I) A FACILITY ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 83C, § 2-117 OF THE CODE; OR

(II) FOSTER CARE, AS DEFINED IN § 5-501 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.

1-102.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO PROMOTE A STABLE, SAFE, AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, THEREBY INCREASING SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND FAMILY PRESERVATION, THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED INTERAGENCY APPROACH THAT:

(1) PROVIDES A CONTINUUM OF CARE THAT IS FAMILY- AND CHILD-ORIENTED AND EMPHASIZES PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION, AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES; AND

(2) GIVES PRIORITY TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MOST AT RISK.

TITLE 2. LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS.

2-101.

(A) EACH COUNTY SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL INTERAGENCY SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

(B) A COUNTY MAY DESIGNATE AS THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD: