

In item (2) of this section, the phrase "outside the household", which modifies "place to live", is new language added for clarity.

In item (3) of this section, the phrase "in the past" is substituted for the former phrase "until recently", for clarity.

The sixth sentence of former Article 88A, § 101, which provided that the "intention of this subtitle is to establish a program", is deleted as unnecessary in light of § 4-515 of this subtitle, which actually establishes the intended program.

Defined terms: "Battered spouse" § 4-513

4-515. BATTERED SPOUSE PROGRAM.

(A) IN GENERAL.

(1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO HELP BATTERED SPOUSES AND THEIR CHILDREN.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FOR BATTERED SPOUSES AND THEIR CHILDREN, IN EACH REGION OF THIS STATE:

(I) TEMPORARY SHELTER OR HELP IN OBTAINING SHELTER;

(II) COUNSELING;

(III) INFORMATION;

(IV) REFERRAL; AND

(V) REHABILITATION.

(B) AUTHORIZED SHELTERS.

AS A PART OF THE BATTERED SPOUSE PROGRAM, THERE SHALL BE, IN A MAJOR POPULATION CENTER OF THIS STATE, AT LEAST 1 SHELTER SERVING THE AREA SURROUNDING THE SHELTER.

(C) CONDITIONS.

ANY SHELTER ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

(1) THE SHELTER SHALL PROVIDE BATTERED SPOUSES AND THEIR CHILDREN WITH A TEMPORARY HOME AND NECESSARY COUNSELING;

(2) THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SHALL: