

providing that the services offered by the program are in addition to, but not duplicative of certain other available State, federal, and local programs; providing for a certain level of funding in certain fiscal years; and generally relating to a family support services program for developmentally disabled children and their families.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 15-201 through 15-204 to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 2. Family Support Services Program"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 2. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

15-201.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 88A, SECTION 128(C) OF THE CODE.

(C) "ELIGIBLE CHILD" MEANS A DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 22 YEARS WHO IS:

- (1) IN AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT; OR
- (2) AT IMMEDIATE RISK OF OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT.

(D) (1) "FAMILY" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE CHILD'S NATURAL, ADOPTIVE, OR FOSTER PARENTS.

(2) "FAMILY" INCLUDES:

- (I) A GUARDIAN;
- (II) A PERSON ACTING AS A PARENT OF A CHILD; OR
- (III) A RELATIVE OR STEPPARENT WITH WHOM A CHILD LIVES.

(E) (1) "FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES" MEANS A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENABLE A FAMILY TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF A DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILD LIVING IN THE HOME.