

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF APRIL 29, 1986

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GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

WHEREAS, The problem of physical violence against family members occurs in 1 out of 10 families in Maryland, affecting all social and economic groups of society;

WHEREAS, The number of cases of child abuse and neglect investigated in Maryland has doubled from 4,615 cases in 1979 to 8,312 cases in 1984;

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect often cause permanent physical and mental damage to the child, and increases the likelihood that the child will become an abuser or commit violent crimes as an adult;

WHEREAS, Many cases of child abuse and neglect, especially sexual abuse, go undetected to those who could provide help;

WHEREAS, In 1983 the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect was appointed, at the request of the General Assembly, to study this problem;

WHEREAS, The Task Force has found that child abuse, especially sexual abuse, is far more widespread than originally estimated; and

WHEREAS, The problems of child abuse and neglect require long term efforts for the implementation and monitoring of programs for the prevention, detection, and treatment of victims and offenders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. The Governor's Council on Child Abuse and Neglect is hereby created to provide advice to the Governor on matters relating to the implementation and effectiveness of programs for the prevention, detection, and treatment of child abuse and neglect.
2. The Council is part of the Office for Children and Youth for budgetary, administrative, and staffing purposes only.
3. The Council consists of 17 members appointed by the Governor and include the following: