

(1) PROVIDE ONGOING EXAMINATION OF THE STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF MARYLAND'S SYSTEM OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES; AND

(2) FACILITATE A COMPREHENSIVE EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR SERVICES TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

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(a) Within guidelines developed by the Special Secretary of the Office for Children, Youth, and Families, each local jurisdiction shall establish or designate a local planning entity to ensure the implementation of a local, interagency service delivery system for children, youth, and families.

(b) In establishing the local planning entity, a local jurisdiction may elect to:

(1) Appoint a quasi-public entity not to be considered an instrumentality of the local government;

(2) Designate a public entity to be considered an instrumentality of the local government; or

(3) Establish a regional entity to represent multiple jurisdictions.

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~~(A) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCIES WITHIN MARYLAND SHALL EXCHANGE INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF:~~

~~(1) EFFECTUATING THE POLICY FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY SERVICES IN THE STATE AS SET FORTH IN § 2 OF THIS ARTICLE;~~

~~(2) FACILITATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SEAMLESS SYSTEM OF FAMILY FOCUSED SERVICES; AND~~

~~(3) ACHIEVING A COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED, INTERAGENCY APPROACH TO PROVIDING A CONTINUUM OF CARE THAT IS FAMILY AND CHILD ORIENTED.~~

~~[(a)](B) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law and where not prohibited by federal law, UPON WRITTEN REQUEST OF A STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY, a State OR LOCAL PUBLIC agency [may] SHALL disclose information and records specified in subsection [(b)] (C) of this section on children, youth, and families served by that agency to:~~

~~(1) Any other State OR LOCAL PUBLIC agency serving the same children, youth, and families;~~

~~(2) Any other State OR LOCAL PUBLIC agency having children or youth in a program, home, or residential facility funded or licensed by that agency; or~~

~~(3) The Office for Children, Youth, and Families.~~