

(b) (1) ~~The policy shall be to promote a stable, safe, and healthy environment for children and families, thereby increasing self sufficiency and family preservation.~~

(2) ~~This requires a comprehensive, COLLABORATIVE, [coordinated] interagency approach to provide a continuum of care that is family and child oriented and emphasizes prevention, early intervention, and community based services. Priority shall be given to children and families most at risk.~~

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~~[(a) The Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families shall meet the following minimum qualifications:~~

~~(1) Hold a master's degree in health, education, social work, child development, or another field closely related to children; and~~

~~(2) Have at least 5 years of increasing responsibility in administering programs for children.]~~

~~[(b)](A) The [Special Secretary] SUBCABINET shall:~~

~~(1) [Be responsible for the administration of the Office] PROVIDE ONGOING EXAMINATION OF THE STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF MARYLAND'S SYSTEM OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES;~~

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

~~[(2)](3) Examine public and private programs, services, and plans for children, youth, and their families for the purpose of identifying duplications, inefficiencies, and unmet needs and evaluating the effectiveness of those programs, services, and plans;~~

~~[(3)](4) Secure and analyze departmental plans and budget requests affecting programs and services for children, youth, and their families;~~

~~[(4)](5) Review federal, State, local, and private funds utilized and available to the State for programs and services for children, youth, and their families;~~

~~[(5)](6) [In consultation with the Secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, and Juvenile Services and the State Superintendent of Schools, develop] DEVELOP an interagency plan that reflects the priorities for children, youth, and family services;~~

~~[(6)](7) [In consultation with the Secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, and Juvenile Services, and the State Superintendent of Schools, develop] DEVELOP an interagency budget which identifies and collates all State expenditures for children, youth, and family services;~~

~~[(7)](8) Periodically review and monitor all State expenditures for children, youth, and family services to assure that these expenditures are in conformity with established priorities;~~