

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 49D - Office for Children, Youth, and Families

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(a) The Office for Children, Youth, and Families is created as part of the Executive Department.

(b) The head of the Office is the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families. The Special Secretary is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor and is directly responsible to [him] THE GOVERNOR. The Special Secretary shall receive the salary provided in the State budget.

(c) The Office shall have [a Director and the assistants, fiscal analysts, consultants, and employees] STAFF AS provided in the State budget. The Special Secretary may establish areas of responsibility within the Office and may designate staff as necessary to fulfill the duties assigned to the Special Secretary.

(d) The following units are in the Office:

(1) [Advisory Committee for Children, Youth, and Families;

(2) Children's councils;

(3)] The Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy;

[(4)](2) The State Coordinating Council [for Residential Placement of Handicapped Children; and] FOR CHILDREN;

(3) THE MARYLAND SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL;

(4) THE STATE COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-7A-01 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE;

(5) THE STATE COMMISSION ON INFANT MORTALITY PREVENTION; AND

[(5)](6) Other multiple agency initiatives for children, youth, and families that are not reserved by law to another agency.

4.2.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT" MEANS THE AGREEMENT EXECUTED BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

[(2)](3) "Local management board" means the nonprofit corporation or public agency designated in accordance with § 11 of this article.