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**HAVE YOU BEEN COUNTED?**

**BALTIMORE CITY DSS CENSUS OUTREACH TARGETS 49,000 RESIDENTS**

**BALTIMORE** – Through the end of April, Baltimore City Department of Social Services (BCDSS) and other social services agencies across the state will implement an aggressive outreach strategy to get thousands of heard to reach hard-to-reach city residents to complete the their census questionnaire.

“The results from what we do this month will have an impact on what we can do as an agency for the next decade,” said Molly McGrath, director of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services.”

The census outcome plays a large role in allocating federal funding for programs affecting education, health care, highways, workforce development, housing and energy. The success of the census and Baltimore’s fair share of the associated funding depends upon an accurate accounting of every resident.

To reach 49,000 citizens, everyone who encounters any social services staff will told about the importance of the census and offered help to fill out their questionnaire. Staff members are wearing buttons, posters and banners are displayed in offices, letters are being sent to foster parents, vendors, and others; every district office has a certified census taker who will assist customers to complete the form.

Baltimore City DSS Family Investment sites have been designated as Questionnaire Assistance Centers where residents can go to get help filing out their census questionnaire Monday through Friday through April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Questionnaire Assistance Centers are:

**Harbor View Family Investment Center**

18 Reedbird Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21225

**Hilton Heights Family Investment Center**

500 N. Hilton St

- Martin O'Malley, Governor
- Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
- Brenda Donald, Secretary

Baltimore, MD 21229

**Northwest Family Investment Center**

5818 Reisterstown Road  
Baltimore, MD 21215

**Harford North Family Investment Center**

2000 North Broadway  
Baltimore, MD 21213

**Penn-North and Clifton Johnson Square Family Investment Centers**

2500 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21217

**Dunbar Orangeville Family Investment Center**

2919 E. Biddle St.  
Baltimore, MD 21213

**Southwest Family Investment Center**

1223 West Pratt Street  
Baltimore, MD 21223

**HEESU**

1920 North Broadway St.  
Baltimore, MD 21213

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The Maryland Department of Human Resources is the state's social service provider. The agency collaborates with 24 local jurisdictions to: provide foster care, adoption, and protective services to children; collect and distribute child support payments; provide protective services, case- management, supportive housing, in-home aide services, and respite care to vulnerable adults; and provide temporary cash, food stamps, and medical assistance to families. It also funds programs for homeless persons, refugees, and migrant- workers, victims of crime and women who are displaced, battered, or assaulted. Last year, DHR served 760,000 people in need. In terms of its annual budget, DHR is Maryland's fourth largest state agency