

equip and staff additional facilities and services for the retarded, including the construction of a 60-bed unit for the severely retarded at Rosewood, employment of a nucleus staff for the 530-bed Metropolitan Washington Retardation Center, and the provision of matching funds for five additional day-care centers for the mentally retarded.

In recommending welfare appropriations I have given priority to the needs of children. This budget increases the boarding care allowance for foster children by \$10 per month. In addition, provision has been made for six day-care centers for children and three group homes for emotionally disturbed adolescents.

In the belief that improved supervision and guidance will rehabilitate more welfare recipients, I am recommending 155 additional positions for more effective case control at the local level, and 50 additional positions for the certification of the medically indigent under the Medicaid program. Finally, to enable families to stay together and to mitigate the disruptive impact of illness upon the family, we are suggesting three homemaker projects for the physically and mentally ill.

We have become increasingly aware of the hazards air and water pollution present to the health and economic development of our communities. I recommend an increase of \$382,000 for the Department of Water Resources. This not only will enable Maryland to comply with the regulations established in the Federal Water Quality Act of 1965, but also will extend the program for classification and promulgation of water quality standards to cover all surface waters throughout the State. This is a vital, initial step toward the development of a comprehensive pollution abatement program. Substantial appropriations are also recommended for the Health Department to implement Senate Bill 355 requiring subdivisions to file master plans for water and sewage systems, and to staff and equip two additional stations to strengthen the air quality control service.

The recreational needs of Maryland's citizens receive attention through an increase of \$577,000 in this budget. This will permit continued expansion of State parks to keep pace with our rapidly growing population.

The most significant innovation in the area of crime and correction is the newly established Department of Juvenile Services authorized by the 1966 General Assembly. This budget recommends an appropriation of \$2.8 million to employ personnel, and to provide the initial services and development of programs envisioned by the 1966 legisla-