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The Social Services Administration supervises all public and private institutions that have the care, custody, or control of dependent, abandoned, or neglected children, except those placed under the supervision of another agency. It licenses agencies and institutions having the care and custody of minors, including agencies giving day care services to children. The Social Services Administration maintains a central registry of reported child abuse cases.

## **INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION**

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The Income Maintenance Administration, formerly part of the Social Services Administration, was established by Executive Order on January 17, 1980, and subsequently approved by the General Assembly.

The Director of the Income Maintenance Administration is appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources and serves at his pleasure. The Director is responsible for the organization and administration of the Income Maintenance Administration and for the appointment, under the Merit System Law, of all its personnel.

The Income Maintenance Administration is the central coordinating and directing agency of all public assistance activities in the State, including Aid to Families with Dependent Children, General Public Assistance, and Food Stamps. It has responsibility for the certification of low income families for Medical Assistance. In agreement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Income Maintenance Administration administers the Food Stamp program, which is available in all political subdivisions of the State. The Income Maintenance Administration also includes Fair Hearings, Quality Control, and Welfare Fraud units.

In Baltimore City and in each county there is a local department of social services whose director administers these public assistance activities within the respective locality subject to the supervision, direction, and control of the State Administration.

The Income Maintenance Administration is responsible for the development and coordination of its programs and disseminating policy to local departments of social services for purposes of determining eligibility for financial assistance, Medical Assistance, and Food Stamps. In carrying out this responsibility, the Income Maintenance Administration calls upon the local departments of social services for leadership within their communities and for participation in statewide activities.

The Income Maintenance Administration has responsibility for child support activities for families receiving public assistance. All recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children must assign to the State all rights to support. The Income Maintenance Administration, through local departments of social services, uses local, State and federal locator services to find absent parents owing such support, and court orders are then established requiring payment to the State. Monies collected through this program are used to reimburse the State and the federal government for assistance costs.

The Income Maintenance Administration also serves as the public agency through which child support payments are channeled. Prior to January 1, 1979, such payments were handled by the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

## **LOCAL OFFICES PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES AND INCOME MAINTENANCE**

### **State Administrative Office**

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### **Allegheny County**

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### **Anne Arundel County**

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Annapolis 21404

120 N. Langley Road  
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