

programs; and programs for the disadvantaged, handicapped, those with limited command of English, and displaced homemakers.

#### SUPPORT SERVICES BRANCH

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The Support Services Branch began in 1981. The Branch helps the Division, State agencies, community colleges, and local school systems plan, evaluate, finance, develop, and administer approved vocational-technical programs. The Branch also offers assistance with data analysis.

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### BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION & CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION

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Established in 1987, the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and Correctional Education serves handicapped persons. It develops a State plan of rehabilitation services and establishes, staffs, and supervises workshops and rehabilitation facilities (Code Education Article, sec. 21-303).

Under the Bureau are the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Correctional Education Program. The Bureau also is aided by the Attendant Care Program Advisory Committee.

#### ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robert W. Crawford, *Chairperson*

*Appointed by State Superintendent of Schools:* Price Armstrong Baum; Mitzi Drummond; Rhoda Eskwith; Kay Harris Kriegsman, Ph.D.; Judy Sandford; Peggy Sheeler; Steven Towle; one vacancy.

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In 1982, the Attendant Care Program Advisory Committee was organized within the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 515, Acts of 1982). The Committee advises the Division on the Attendant Care Program, which provides financial aid to eligible physically disabled persons, and advises the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and Correctional Education about the Program.

The Committee's fifteen members are appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools. At least two are disabled, and three represent advocacy organizations for the disabled. One member represents each following agency: Medicaid Personal Care Program, Policy Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Developmental Disabilities Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Department of Personnel; Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities; Maryland Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities; In-Home Aide Service Program, Social Services Administration, Department of Human Resources; and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, State Department of Education (Code Education Article, secs. 21-501 through 21-506).

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### DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation was created in 1929. The Division provides rehabilitation services to individuals with physical or mental disabilities to enable them to live and work independently (Code Education Article, sec. 21-303). Through 6 regional offices and 29 local offices, the Division provides medical and vocational evaluation, counseling and guidance, vocational training, independent living skills training, reader and interpreter services, physical and mental restoration, rehabilitation engineering, job placement aid, and supported employment and postemployment services.

The Maryland Rehabilitation Center is run by the Division for persons (particularly those with severe disabilities) who need multiple rehabilitation services. The Center offers a wide range of therapeutic, medical, counseling, and vocational services.

The Division's central office staff administers other rehabilitation programs, including the *Client Assistance Program*, the *Attendant Care Program*, and the *Maryland Vending Program for the Blind*. In addition, the staff provides guidance, technical assistance, and leadership in the development of other programs, including activities with 56 private rehabilitation facilities accredited by the Division.

The Disability Determination Services program is administered by the Division under contract with the Social Security Administration. The Division also is responsible for making disability determinations for Social Security Disability Insurance (Title II) and Supplemental Security Income (Title XVI).