

MARYLAND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The Department of Human Resources administers the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) through the Community Services Administration. The Administration subcontracts with twenty local agencies (departments of social services, governments, and community action agencies) and 450 energy suppliers to provide energy assistance to eligible low-income people across the State. Under the Program, vendors provide a combination of fuel oil, electricity, gas (natural and/or propane), wood, and coal to eligible householders statewide. Eligibility for assistance is based on household size, income, fuel type, and geographic location. Those with the greatest need receive the highest level of assistance. Benefits reflect a fixed portion of average fuel consumption based on fuel type. They range from 32 to 85 percent of average consumption. Heating assistance is offered to eligible renters, roomers, boarders, and homeowners. Maryland is the first state to offer this aid to shelters for battered spouses and the homeless.

The Program also offers Emergency Energy Assistance to householders certified eligible for regular MEAP benefits. Provided on a one-time-only basis, this assistance is for fuel deliveries, utility cut-offs, emergency repairs, blankets, emergency space heaters, or emergency shelter. It may not exceed \$180. Benefits provided are paid directly to energy vendors selected by the eligible household. Vendors deliver fuel to a household until the family's benefit amount is exhausted. Vendors who participate in the Program do so under contract with the State.

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program began in 1983 and was moved to the Department of Human Resources in January 1988. The Program distributes donated food to needy households to relieve situations of emergency and distress. To reduce surplus federal commodity inventories, commodities are distributed quarterly to local emergency food organizations for mass distribution and for local emergency food pantries to serve distressed households. Eligibility for assistance is based on income and household size or prior certification in any of the following programs:

Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Public Assistance, or Maryland Energy Assistance.

HOMELESS SERVICES PROGRAM

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Within the Community Services Administration, the Governor established the Homeless Services Program in 1984 (Chapter 777, Acts of 1984). The Program provides crisis and transition shelter, food, and services to homeless people (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 131-133).

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY BOARD ON HOMELESSNESS

Linda Morganstein, *Chairperson*, 1991

*Appointed by Governor:* Charlene E. Brisco; Kathleen Joy Horvath; Rev. J. William McNally; Joanne Selinske; Leo Francis Smith; Howard W. Stone, Jr.; one vacancy. *Terms expire 1991.*

Fredericka Danielus; Linda Eisenberg; Christine E. Felker; Jane Harrison; Cheryl Moyer-Walkley; Christine Hughes Poulsen; Carol Pridgen Saucier; Ronald D. Wynne, Ph.D. *Terms expire 1992.*

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The Advisory Board of the Shelter, Nutrition, and Services Program for Homeless Individuals was created in 1984 (Chapter 777, Acts of 1984). In 1988, it became known as the Governor's Advisory Board on Homelessness. The Board coordinates the Homeless Services Program.

Appointed by the Governor, the Board consists of sixteen members who serve two-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 134-137).

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON NUTRITION

David M. Paige, M.D., *Chairperson*, 1991

*Appointed by Governor:* Darlene D. Flaherty, R.D., M.P.H., 1989; Katherine M. Chin, 1990; Melanie D. Gibson, 1990; Mary T. Goodwin, 1990; Yvonne Bronner, Sc.D., 1991; two vacancies.

*Designated by Senate President:* Michael J. Wagner

*Designated by House Speaker:* James W. Campbell

*Ex officio:* Vacancy, Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene; Elizabeth Bobo, Deputy Secretary for Programs, Dept. of Human Resources; Raymond Brown, State Dept. of Education; Rosalie S. Abrams, Director on Aging.

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The State Advisory Council on Nutrition was created by the Governor in 1985 (Executive Order 01.01.1985.35). The Governor reconstituted the