

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

Pedro Sierra, *Chairperson*, 1993

Appointed by Governor: Jorge Du Breuil, 1991; Ana Sol Gutierrez, 1991; Alba E. Robinson, 1991; Marta Sotomayor, Ph.D., 1991; Xavier Ysern, Ph.D., 1991; Juan Diez, 1992; Barrie Klaitz, 1992; Joe F. Lucero, 1992; Laura Kelsey Rhodes, 1992; Eduardo Acevedo, 1993; Maria D. Carrion, 1993; Ruben Gonzalez, 1993; William Stagg, 1993; one vacancy.

Ex officio: Josephine Pizarro, designee of Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; Jacqueline H. Rogers, Secretary of Housing and Community Development; Carolyn W. Colvin, Secretary of Human Resources; Maria Torres Queral, designee of State Superintendent of Schools; Robert A. Rosenbush, Office of Planning.

Jose Ruiz, *Executive Director*

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As the Commission on the Concerns of Spanish-Speaking People, the Commission originally was appointed by the Governor in 1971. It was renamed the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs in 1978.

The Commission advises the Governor, the General Assembly and agencies within the Executive Department on matters relating to the Hispanic peoples of Maryland. It works with the Hispanic community, private groups, and agencies of State and local government to serve and represent the State's Hispanic people.

The Commission is comprised of twenty members. Fifteen are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor. Five serve *ex officio*.

DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

Vacancy, *Deputy Secretary for Operations*
333-0010

The Deputy Secretary for Operations is responsible for the major administrative and support functions of the Department. Under the Deputy Secretary are six offices: Budget and Finance, Administrative Services, Information Management, Personnel, Equal Opportunity, and Inspector General. The Deputy Secretary also oversees the Child Support Enforcement Administration.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Margaret Sollenberger, *Executive Director*
Frank Traglia, *Deputy Executive Director*

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The Child Support Enforcement Administration provides child support services for families. Through local departments of social services, State's Attorneys' offices, courts, and other agencies, the Administration locates absent parents, determines paternity, establishes and enforces support orders, and collects and disburses support payments.

Recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) receive services at no charge and are required to cooperate in order to secure support. After the first \$50 collected each month is paid to the family receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children, any further support collected is reimbursed to the State and federal governments for public assistance paid to the family.

The Administration also provides services to families who do not receive AFDC for a one-time fee of \$20 regardless of income. Collections made on behalf of such families are paid in full to the family.

The Executive Director is appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources (Code Family Law Article, secs. 10-106 through 10-117).

The Administration is comprised of the Baltimore City Bureau of Support Enforcement, and two offices: Program Development and Management, and Policy and Central Operations.

BALTIMORE CITY BUREAU OF SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Lou Curry, *Acting Director*
333-6540

Formerly under the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Baltimore City Bureau of Support Enforcement was transferred to the Child Support Enforcement Administration on October 1, 1990.

OFFICE OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT

Joan Knight, *Director*
333-0600

Created as the Field Operations Office in 1981, this Office monitored operations of local child support enforcement agencies. Renamed Office of Program Management in 1990, it assumed responsibility for local agency compliance reviews, technical assistance to local agencies, and special projects. In 1991, the Office received its present name and was expanded to develop new program initiatives and implement staff development and training.