

WESTERN MARYLAND CENTER

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Western Maryland Center originated as Western Maryland State Hospital. Authorized in 1952, the Hospital opened in 1957 (Chapter 53, Acts of 1952).

The Center provides chronic hospital and comprehensive care facility inpatient care, outpatient end-stage kidney dialysis, adult day treatment services, and outpatient rehabilitation services. Currently, it has 117 licensed hospital beds and 58 licensed comprehensive care beds for rehabilitation services and the care of the chronically ill. An outpatient unit provides hemodialysis for patients with chronic kidney disease (Code Health—General Article, sec. 19-502).

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR
WESTERN MARYLAND CENTER

Joyce C. Brown, *Chairperson*, 1997

The Board's seven members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

OFFICE OF CHILD HEALTH

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The Office of Child Health had been known as the Office of Child Health Services since 1989 when it was made part of the Local and Family Health Administration. In 1993, the Office received its present name.

The Office of Child Health administers State and federal funding to the department of health in each county and in Baltimore City for basic preventive services to safeguard the health of children. These services include immunizations, screening for lead poisoning, and counseling in basic nutrition. The Office also administers certain special grants, such as the grant to the University of Maryland System relating to sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), or grants to Eastern Shore counties for preventive dental services for children. In addition, the Office offers training, consultation, and technical assistance to local health departments and the private sector.

PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY
HEARING-IMPAIRED INFANTS

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The Program to Identify Hearing-Impaired Infants was established under the Developmental Disabilities Administration in 1985 (Chapter 402, Acts of 1985). In 1990, the Program was transferred to the Office of Children's Medical Services and, in 1992, to the Office of Child Health Services,

now the Office of Child Health within the Local and Family Health Administration. The Program provides early identification and follow-up of hearing-impaired infants and infants who are at risk of developing a hearing impairment.

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PROGRAM TO
IDENTIFY HEARING-IMPAIRED INFANTS

Vira J. Froehlinger, *Chairperson*, 1995

The Advisory Council for Program to Identify Hearing-Impaired Infants was created in 1985 (Chapter 402, Acts of 1985). The Council advises the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on implementing the Program and on educational programs for families, professionals, and the public. The Council also reviews informational materials distributed by the Department.

The Council consists of ten members appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene (Code Health—General Article, secs. 13-601 through 13-605).

OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S MEDICAL
SERVICES

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The Office of Children's Medical Services, formerly Crippled Children's Services, administers a joint federal, State and local program that has operated in Maryland since 1937 (Code Health—General Article, sec. 15-125).

The Office helps families plan and obtain specialized medical and rehabilitative care for children whose chronic illnesses or disabling conditions interfere with normal growth and development. These conditions include cerebral palsy, orofacial anomalies, speech and language problems, spina bifida, heart disease and defects, hearing impairment, cystic fibrosis, chronic otitis media, chronic renal disease, and epilepsy. Many other diagnoses qualify a child to receive services if financial eligibility requirements also are met (Code of Maryland Regulations—COMAR 10.22.08.05B).

OFFICE OF CHRONIC DISEASE
PREVENTION

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The Office of Chronic Disease Prevention originated in the 1960s as the Regional Medical Program which later became the Adult Health Program. When the Local and Family Health Administration was formed in 1989, the Program was reorganized under it as the Office of Chronic Disease Prevention.