

The Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities began in 1947 as the Governor's Committee to Promote Employment of the Handicapped. Renamed the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in 1979, it was placed under the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the State Department of Education in 1980 (Executive Order 01.01.1980.12). The Committee became part of the former Office for Handicapped Individuals in 1987 (Executive Order 01.01.1987.09) and received its present name in 1989 (Executive Order 01.01.1989.14). Now, the Committee works within the Office for Individuals with Disabilities.

The Committee informs the public of the problems that people with disabilities face in finding employment and of the laws that ensure equal opportunity. It cooperates with all groups, public and private, in promoting services for individuals with disabilities. The Committee also initiates and publicizes programs to encourage the hiring of persons with disabilities.

The Committee fosters meaningful employment for persons with mental, physical and emotional disabilities as defined by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended. The Committee also advises people with disabilities of opportunities for habilitation and rehabilitation by which to develop marketable job skills; and sponsors conferences, awards, and seminars on employment and rehabilitation.

Appointed by the Governor, the Committee has thirty-five members who serve three-year terms. The Governor designates the chair. Local committees exist in many counties and in Baltimore City.

**TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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The Technology Assistance Program (MDTAP) provides information and technology services to people with disabilities. To enhance the quality of life for Marylanders with disabilities, the Program helps people to locate, evaluate, and purchase adaptive devices. The Program offers technology-related training and referrals in cooperation with the Office on Aging, the Division of Rehabilitation Services of the State Department of Education, and the Developmental Disabilities Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The Program has established three model technology demonstration centers at Cumberland, Hagerstown, and Salisbury. A main site lies at the Maryland Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore where technology resource specialists serve.

Created in 1990, the Program is governed by the federal Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-407; P.L. 103-218). The National Institute on Disability and

Rehabilitation Research of the U.S. Department of Education funds the Program. Maryland was one of the first states to receive such a grant. Federal funding continues until September 30, 1999.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Beatrice M. Rodgers, *Chair*

The Advisory Committee, formerly the Management Committee, was appointed by the Governor in December 1989 to oversee the Technology Assistance Program.

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**BUDGET (CODE DA0503, formerly 23.01.05.03)**

Funds	FY1994 (actual)	FY1995 (actual)	FY1996 (approp.)
General	\$182,378	\$176,981	\$207,179
Total Funds	\$182,378	\$176,981	\$207,179
<b>Staff</b>			
Authorized	3	3	3
Contractual (FTE)	0	0	0
Total Staff	3	3	3

**HISTORICAL EVOLUTION**

Department of Economic & Community  
Development, Division of Economic  
Development, Office of Minority Business  
Enterprise, 1976-80  
Office of Minority Affairs, 1980—

**MANDATED REPORTS**

*Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly due 15th day of regular legislative session.*  
*Annual Report to Board of Public Works & Legislative Policy Committee on minority participation in procurement contracts due Dec. 13.*  
*Annual Report to Legislative Policy Committee on procurement contracts awarded to certified minority business enterprises by State agencies due Dec. 31.*

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL ADVISORY  
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