

Governor. Six serve ex officio. Two student members appointed by the Governor serve two-year terms. Every two years, the Governor names the chair (Code 1957, Art. 49D, secs. 21-27).

CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

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The Children's Trust Fund provides grants to public and private community organizations and agencies for innovative programs to prevent child abuse and provide treatment.

CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND ADVISORY BOARD

Phyllis B. Brotman, *Chair*, 1995
Vacancy, *Vice-Chair*

Formed in 1989, the Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board reviews applications for grants from the Children's Trust Fund (Chapter 757, Acts of 1989).

The Governor appoints the Board's nine members to three-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 49D, secs. 6-7).

EARLY CHILDHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

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Early Childhood Partnerships was formed in 1996 to oversee two programs: Childcare Coordination and the Head-Start Collaboration Network. Both programs began in 1993.

Child Care Coordination coordinates policy, planning, and development for child-care programs among State government agencies and with local planners, child-care coordinators and advocates, and users of child care. The office promotes and markets public/private partnerships for assistance and support in child care for employees, employers, and families.

To better serve families in the federal Head-Start Program, the Head-Start Collaboration Network helps coordinate Program services with other community services. The Network links Head-Start services with those of local health-care providers, education agencies, child care programs, employment projects, and community organizations.

MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE HEAD-START COLLABORATION NETWORK

Kay Mullican, *Chair*

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The Maryland Advisory Council on the Head-Start Collaboration Network was established in 1995.

INFANTS & TODDLERS PROGRAM

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Through the Infants and Toddlers Program, Maryland receives federal funds to help infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities (from birth through age 3) and their families. The Program

provides health and medical services, family training, counseling, and specialized child care (federal Education of the Handicapped Act; P.L. 99-457).

In 1988, the State Department of Education was designated by the Governor to administer the federal Early Intervention Program in Maryland (Executive Order 01.01.1988.15). The Infants and Toddlers Program initiated by the Department was transferred to the Office for Children, Youth, and Families in 1990 (Chapter 419, Acts of 1990).

MARYLAND STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Michael Bender, Ph.D., *Co-Chair*, 1996
Katherine Kahoe Cooper, *Co-Chair*, 1998
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In 1988, the Governor started the Maryland State Interagency Coordinating Council to advise the Infants and Toddlers Program in accordance with the federal Education of the Handicapped Act (Executive Order 01.01.1988.15; P.L. 99-457). In 1990, the Council was authorized by statute (Chapter 419, Acts of 1990).

The Council helps develop and implement the Early Intervention Program, identifies resources, and assists with interagency agreements. To ensure interagency coordination and delivery of early intervention services, the Governor's Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families monitors the program.

The Council's fifteen members are appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent.

MARYLAND MAKING THE GRADE

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In 1994, Maryland Making the Grade was formed to plan services for school-based health centers. In April 1996, the Office for Children, Youth, and Families was named to receive and manage the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant called Making the Grade—State and Local Partnerships to Establish School-Based Health Centers. For the Office, Maryland Making the Grade develops policy and administers the grant.

SYSTEM INTEGRATION SUPPORT DIVISION

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The System Integration Support Division was formed in 1995 to establish a coordinated system of services administered locally. Health, education, social and justice services are provided to children and youth who may be moved from their home because of abuse, neglect, delinquency, or special needs. The Division coordinates services in the community to help children closer to home. The Division also seeks to return Maryland children who have been placed out-of-state. Under the Division are the Children's Councils. The Division is aided by the State Coordinating Council.