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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Call the Local Management Board to schedule a Developmental Asset presentation for your organization/group, or become a member of our Developmental Assets Team!
- Take advantage of opportunities to participate in community planning activities (check the newspaper).
- Contact the Local Management Board to become a member of the Kent County Adolescent Substance Abuse Coalition.

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*Helping to strengthen
families in Kent County.*



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Our History and Mission



Maryland is committed to improving the lives of its children and families. In the late 1980's, Maryland decided to change the way we support children and families. The State wanted a results-based approach that allowed decision-making to be done at a local level. A local governance group was created in each county and Baltimore City, called a Local Management Board (LMB). While diverse in membership and reflective of the communities that they serve, all 24 LMB's across the State share the same goal: to ensure that service systems are responsive to the needs of children and families.

The network of Local Management Boards partners with the State of Maryland through The Children's Cabinet, staffed by the Governor's Office for Children (GOC). This State-Local partnership supports local decision-making and action to build caring communities and move results for children and families in the right direction.

Local Management Boards were created by State law "to ensure the implementation of a local, inter-agency service delivery system for children, youth and families." LMB's may either be part of a local government or as a quasi-public nonprofit designated by local government to serve as the LMB. An LMB adds value to local planning and decision-making by assessing the needs of its community and, in collaboration with service providers, policy makers, community leaders and others, make sure that children and families get the services and supports they need. LMB's do not provide direct services. The LMB's role is to make sure that services are coordinated, of high quality, and achieve Maryland's results for children and families.

Our Members

Each Local Management Board has community member and public agency representation. Some members are mandated; the local government, school system, health department, social services, mental health, and juvenile services. Other members are selected based on community concerns and the knowledge and skills they bring to the table. The LMB also includes others in the planning and decision-making process through committee membership, community forums and roundtables, and other techniques.

Duties and Responsibilities

The goal of the Local Management Board for Children's & Family Services of Kent County is to serve and strengthen families in our local communities through creative programs and activities developed by and for the residents of Kent County.

Duties and Responsibilities of the LMB include collaborative planning and decision making with regard to the following:



- Contracting with public and private agencies to provide interagency services. LMB contracts ensure the provision for family-focused, community-based, culturally relevant, outcomes-based programs/services.

- Developing and implementing a

community plan which includes creating/expanding the local community-based service delivery system for children and their families.

- Coordinating children and family services within Kent County, to eliminate fragmented and/or duplicated services.

- Planning, goal setting, developing, funding, implementing and monitoring services to children and families in Kent County.

- Shifting the programmatic focus to prevention and early intervention services.

- Strengthening the decision-making capacity at a local level.

- Galvanizing resources available to support children and families in their communities.

Funding

The programs spearheaded by the Local Management Board are accomplished primarily through state funds that have been combined from the different child-serving agencies at the State level and are made available to us by the Governor's Office for Children to address local needs. We also receive funding from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, from Federal sources, and some local dollars as designated by the Kent County Commissioners.

Since Maryland is committed to initiatives that bring results, we place a high priority on being accountable for using these funds to fulfill community needs effectively and efficiently. Using Maryland's Results for Child Well-Being (produced yearly by The Children's Cabinet) as our benchmark, we leverage and distribute funds among private and public agencies that share similar goals, allowing those agencies to avoid duplication of services and extend their reach in to the community.

KENT COUNTY'S PRIORITY RESULT AREAS:

- Healthy Children
- Children Successful in School
- Stable & Economically Independent Families

Maryland's 8 Result Areas for Child Well-Being

- Babies Born Healthy
- Healthy Children
- Children Enter School Ready to Learn
- Children Successful in School
- Children Completing School
- Children Safe in Their Families and Communities
- Stable and Economically Independent Families
- Communities Which Support Family Life