



# Doing the Right Thing for All Maryland's Children

Striving to improve the well-being of children and families, Local Management Boards focus on the following Result Areas:

- ❖ 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 That Support Family Life

For more information, please contact your Local Management Board by going to [www.goc.state.md.us](http://www.goc.state.md.us), Local Management Boards, Website Links and Contacts.

## Respectfully Request the Governor Submit a Supplemental Budget to Restore the Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund

1. **Rehab Option and Community Services Initiative (CSI).** Slated for a 30% reduction statewide with FY09 funds currently frozen. Children with severe emotional or developmental disabilities, who are at risk of custody relinquishment, have been diverted from costly in-state or out-of-state residential placements and received wraparound support services at a cost avoidance of up to \$80,000 per child.

- ✓ Rehab Option is slated for nearly a \$2 million reduction and CSI is slated for a \$1.7 million reduction, in addition to FY09 cuts by the Board of Public Works.
- ✓ The Department of Legislative Services Analyst recommended an additional \$3.5 million reduction. *We urge our Senators and Delegates to reject this recommendation.*

If these resources are reduced, the number of children being hospitalized and heading into residential treatment facilities will swell, resulting in an overall cost increase to the State well above the current cost cut savings.

2. **Early Intervention and Prevention.** Slated for a \$1 million reduction from the State in addition to a \$2 million federal reduction. These resources provide parenting classes for our young children and families, and out-of-school time activities for our youth during the critical 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. hours.
3. **Local Management Boards.** Slated for an 18% reduction representing over \$1.6 million. These resources support boards and staff in 24 jurisdictions, who work with local partners to plan, coordinate and direct state resources using effective practices and results-based accountability.
  - ✓ In FY 2008, the LMB network matched the resources from the Interagency Fund dollar for dollar, generating nearly \$33 million in other State, local and private resources dedicated to improving child well-being in their community.
  - ✓ Local Coordinating Councils, supported by LMBs, have been cut by \$105,000. As an interagency team of public child-serving agencies with family-voice representation, the LCC problem-solves how to use local resources to minimize out-of-home and out-of-state placements of children by keeping them in the least restrictive level of care possible.
4. **Youth Services Bureaus (YSB).** Slated for a \$100,000 cut, YSBs provide important delinquency prevention and early intervention services to youth and families exhibiting identified risk factors such as truancy, family conflict, and violence.