



**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

*Maryland's Social Services Agency*



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**DHR TO PROVIDE UP TO \$2,000 TO FAMILIES FOR POST ADOPTION SERVICES**

*Pilot Program eligibility requirements expanded*

The Maryland Department of Human Resources has expanded a pilot program that provides up to \$2,000 to families for post adoption services. The program expansion is the result of legislation passed during the 2009 legislative session. Families who adopt children whose birth parents have terminated their parental rights are now eligible for this program. In addition, families who have adopted children from local departments of social services, private adoption child placing agencies, or adopted independently are eligible.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR  
THE POST-ADOPTION SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM**

The Post-Adoption Services Pilot Program, launched in 2008 as a result of legislation sponsored by Delegate Jolene Ivey, et al, was established to provide additional post-adoption services to adopted children and their families who might be in crisis. Originally, only families whose adoptions were consensual as defined in § 5-338 in the Family Law Article were eligible for the program. During the 2009 Session of the General Assembly, legislation was passed expanding the eligibility to families whose adoptions are considered non-consensual. In other words, families who adopt children involving termination of parental rights as separate actions prior to issuance of adoption orders are now eligible for this program. In addition, families who have adopted children from local departments of social services, private adoption child placing agencies, or adopted independently are eligible. The legislation provides for funding for services. A family is eligible for funds up to \$2000. Of the funding available, 20 percent of will be allocated to children and families associated with private child placing agencies and independent adoptions, and 80 percent will be allocated to children and families associated with public local departments of social services.

To access funds, families are to apply at their local department of social services. Local department staff will conduct a needs assessment and make a preliminary determination about eligibility. Families must have used all other available options prior to applying for the funds. With the family, the staff will develop a plan to address the presenting problem(s). The approval request and plan must be approved by the Executive Director of the Social Services Administration or that person's designee.

Services that may be accessed with the funding are:

- short term adoption related counseling;
- medical treatment;
- mental health services;
- crisis intervention services; and
- information and referral services.

As indicated in the program title, the program is a pilot that ends December 31, 2010. Legislation also requires the Department to determine through a study of the pilot program if continuation of the program after the termination date, December 31, 2010, is warranted. The Secretary of the Department is to present a report to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2010.

Inquires about the program may be directed to the local department of social services for your county. Refer to the list of contacts below for specific local department contact information. Inquires may also be directed to Eloise Mooney, Policy Analyst, Out of Home services, Permanency Unit-Adoption, at [emooney@dhr.state.md.us](mailto:emooney@dhr.state.md.us) or at 410-767-7359

### **Local Department Contacts for Post Adoption Services Pilot Program July 2009**

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<p><b>CARROLL COUNTY DSS</b>  10 Distillery Drive, Suite 100  Westminster, Maryland 21157  Contact Person: Jennifer McCabe  <a href="mailto:jmccabe@dhr.state.md.us">jmccabe@dhr.state.md.us</a>  Phone: 1-410-386-3448  Fax: 1-410-386-3429</p>	<p><b>CECIL COUNTY DSS</b>  170 East Main Street  Elkton, Maryland 21921  Contact Person: Susan L. Bailey  <a href="mailto:sbailey@dhr.state.md.us">sbailey@dhr.state.md.us</a>  Phone: 1-410-996-0100  Fax: 1-410-996-0464</p>
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<p><b>FREDERICK COUNTY DSS</b>  100 East All Saints Street  Frederick, Maryland 21701  Contact Person: Erica Burnes  Phone: 1-301-600-2418  <a href="mailto:eburns@dhr.state.md.us">eburns@dhr.state.md.us</a>  Fax: 301-394-4550</p>	<p><b>GARRETT COUNTY DSS</b>  12578 Garrett Highway  Oakland, Maryland 21550  Contact Person: Tamra Canfield  <a href="mailto:tcanfiel@dhr.state.md.us">tcanfiel@dhr.state.md.us</a>  Phone: 1-301-533-3043  Fax: 1-301-334-5449</p>

<p><b>HARFORD COUNTY DSS</b>  2 South Bond Street  Bel Air, Maryland 21014  Contact Person: Brian McNey  Phone: 1-410-836-4921  <a href="mailto:bmcney@dhr.state.md.us">bmcney@dhr.state.md.us</a>  Fax: 1-410-836-4945</p>	<p><b>HOWARD COUNTY DSS</b>  7121 Columbia Gateway Drive  Columbia Maryland 21046  Contact Person: Kathleen Jackson  <a href="mailto:kjackso4@dhr.state.md.us">kjackso4@dhr.state.md.us</a>  Phone: 410-872-8809  Fax: 1-410-872-4231</p>
<p><b>KENT COUNTY DSS</b>  350 High Street  Chestertown, Maryland 21620  Contact Person: Nikki Strong  <a href="mailto:nstrong@dhr.state.md.us">nstrong@dhr.state.md.us</a>  Phone: 1-410-810-7720</p>	<p><b>MONTGOMERY COUNTY DHHS</b>  The Dept. of Health &amp; Human Services  401 Hungerford Drive – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  Rockville, Maryland 20850  Contact Person: Catherine Robinson  <a href="mailto:Catherine.robinson@montgomerycountymd.gov">Catherine.robinson@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>  Phone: 1-240-777-3527  Fax: 1-240-777-1494</p>
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