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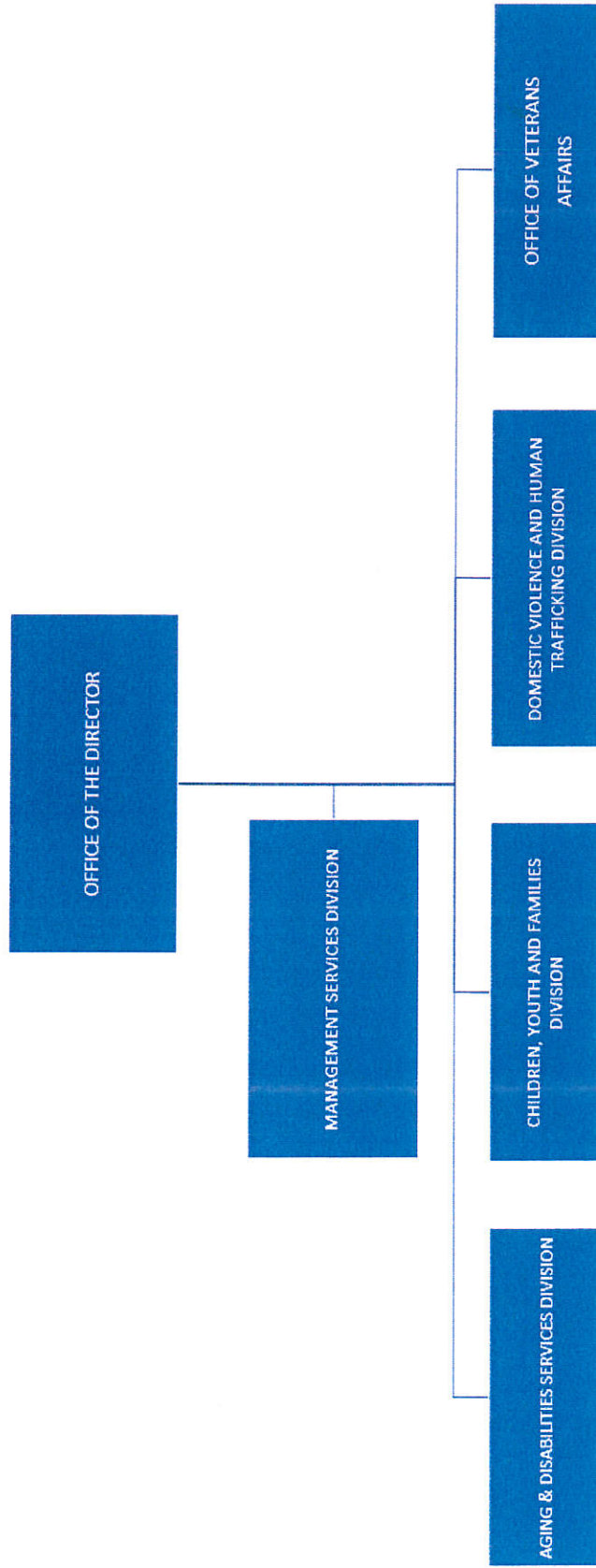


# Department of Family Services

Agency Overview

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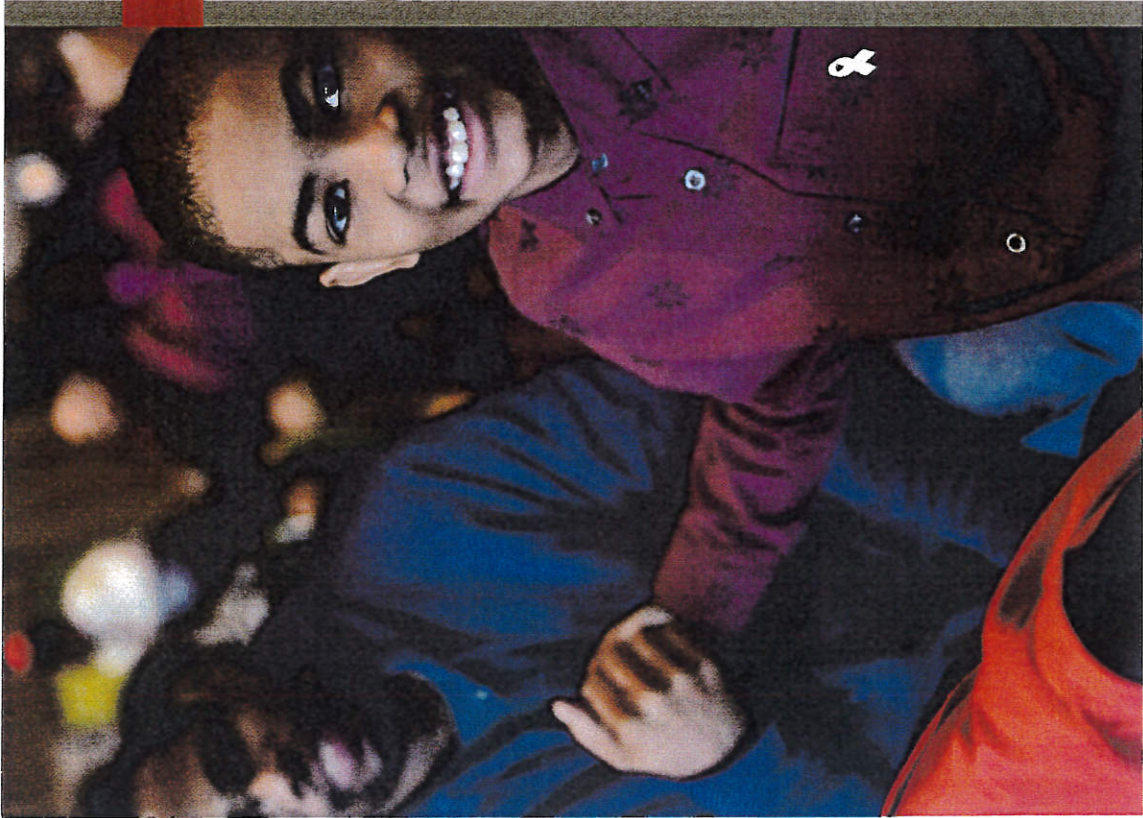
# Department of Family Services Organization Chart FY2019



## Office of the Director

- ▶ Oversees all programs and coordinates the development of the agency's policies and procedures
- ▶ Works to enhance all programs and provides guidance to each division and office
- ▶ Provides oversight to the Department's (5) boards and commissions





# Boards and Commissions

- I. Commission for Children, Youth and Families/  
Local Management Board
- II. Commission for Veterans
- III. Commission for Women
- IV. Commission for Individuals with Disabilities
- V. Advisory Committee on Aging

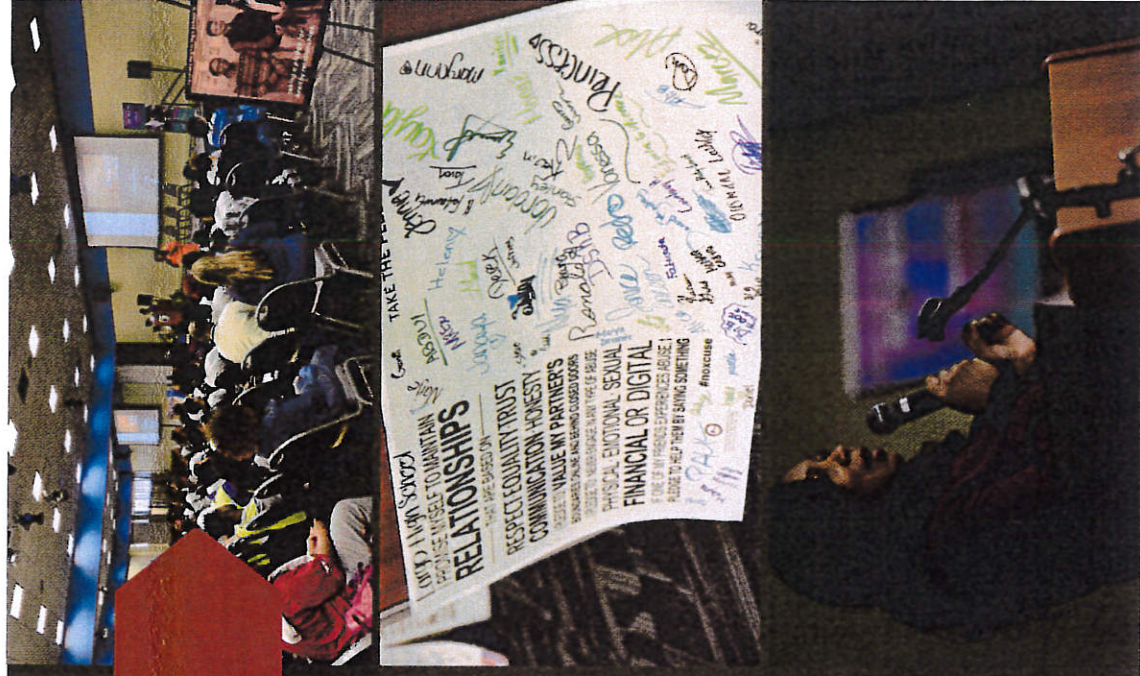
# Management Services Division

- ▶ Budget preparation and analysis
- ▶ Fiscal Reporting
- ▶ Payroll activity
- ▶ Office Automation functions
- ▶ Contracts Management
- ▶ Performance data collection
- ▶ Public information dissemination



## Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Division

- Works to increase access to services for victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual violence
- Works with other county agencies, state agencies, the faith based community and other community stakeholders to develop and implements innovative programs to further expand the continuum of services to victims and survivors
- Helps reduce occurrences of domestic violence and human trafficking in Prince George's County
- Provides victims, survivors and their families with individualized information and resources to overcome barriers that prevent them from accessing services vital to their success



# Children, Youth and Families Division

1. Enhances the quality of life for children, youth and families in Prince George's County
2. Plans, implements, monitors, and evaluates an integrated human service delivery system for children, youth, and families
3. The division works with providers in the community that implement services targeted at: disconnected youth, reducing the number of youth, ages 16-24, who are not working and not attending school, reducing childhood hunger and food insecurity, multi systemic therapy and additional programming that offers an array of intervention services targeted towards youth who are at risk
4. Healthy Families/Home visiting programs aim to reduce low birth weight and infant mortality in Prince George's County by providing prenatal and postnatal support to women with children



# Aging and Disabilities

- Serves as the Area Agency on Aging
- Provides services and programs for older adults
- Provides daily oversight of the programs and services regulated under the Older Americans Act and the Maryland Department of Aging

## *Aging and Disabilities functional program units*

1. Maryland Access Point
2. Long-Term Care
3. Nutrition and Ombudsman
4. Community and Home Care Services
5. Planning and Administration
6. Employment and Volunteer Service Programs
7. American with Disabilities Act Program Manager





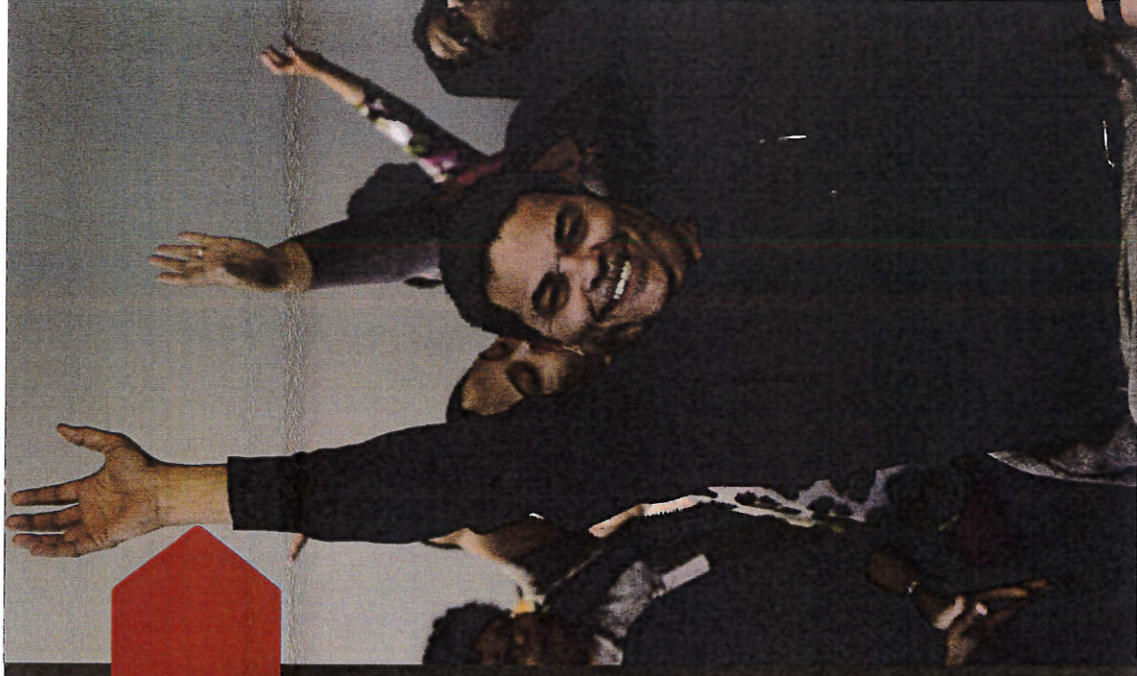
# Office of Veteran's Affairs

1. Collaborates with Community Stakeholders, Veteran Service organizations, government agencies and nonprofit partners.
2. Attends outreach events and coordinates with other Veteran stakeholders in the County to ensure that information is disseminated to veterans and their families.
3. Networks, establishes and maintains healthy relationships with key partners in order to assist veterans.
4. Improves public awareness and education and provides program referrals to assist Veterans with identifying assistance with disability claims, employment, housing, and legal assistance.



## Agency Goals

1. To provide information, referral and assistance services to County residents in order to improve access to quality services.
2. To provide intervention services for at-risk youth in order to facilitate child and family well-being
3. To provide home-based and community-based services to older adults in order to enable them to improve their well-being
4. To provide support and shelter services to victims of domestic abuse and reduce domestic violence encounters to facilitate child and family well-being



# Agency Accomplishments

The Aging and Disabilities Services Division successfully implemented the “**Project Hire: Disabilities Apprenticeship Program**”. The Project Hire Disabilities Apprenticeship program provided the opportunity for ten (10) individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities to work in a County agency to enhance and learn new skills. The goal of the program is to provide the intern with a meaningful work experience, with the potential to obtain permanent employment within a County agency.

The Aging and Disabilities Services Division will pilot the “**Alert and Return Prince George’s Program**” to provide 24/7 wandering and emergency response services for Persons with Alzheimer’s Disease and other related dementias. In addition, the Program will provide resources to individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias, their families and caregivers, including: In Home Assessment; wandering and personal response systems (PERS); Linkage to Community Based Services; Caregiver/Community Education-(Safety Tip Sheet); Semi-Annual Monitoring/Reassessment.



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3. The Children, Youth, Families Division developed and implemented the Local Management Board's Three (3) Year Strategic Plan. Using information and data gleaned from a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment completed in 2017 and a Community Needs Survey conducted in 2018, the Local Management Board along with key stakeholders spearheaded the development of The 3 year Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will guide the identification and implementation of services for children, youth, and families in the County.

4. The Children, Youth and Families Division organized the Should, Could Dream Experience hosted at Buck Lodge Middle School. The purpose of the Should, Could Dream Experience is to inspire students to work hard, never settle and dream big. The facilitator incorporates acting, motivational speaking, poetry, comedy and music into a 60-minute interactive, electrifying performance. Six hundred and fifty 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated.





## Agency Accomplishments

5. Human Trafficking Symposium -The Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Division held its first conference on Human Trafficking entitled "Unnoticed and Misunderstood: A Human Trafficking Education and Prevention Community Symposium". Breakout sessions provided an overview of human trafficking; educated participants on the tactics used by traffickers, discussed indicators to identifying potential victims and provided insight to community responses. Presentations were provided by members of the Prince George's County Human Trafficking Taskforce and members of the Human Trafficking Network.
6. Safe Dates Program -The Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Division expanded its Safe Dates Program with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) and the Department of Social Services. The research-based program helps teens understand the causes and consequences of dating abuse. The program provides interactive techniques to developing healthy relationships and peer-to-peer support. The program certified over 30 new facilitators and estimates training 500 youth during the fiscal year.