

# Governor's Changes in Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund Puts Local Management Boards and Local Funding At Risk

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**Background:** *The Governor's FY2011 State Budget outlines a fundamental change in the Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund from a model supporting local decision making to a centralized model with decision making and control administered statewide through the Governor's Office for Children (GOC).*

## Impact on Children, Families and Jobs Locally

- 3,000 children and 400 families in Montgomery County will not be served through after school, home-visiting, and children with intensive needs programs
- Over 80 jobs will be lost, not including jobs lost in the other 23 jurisdictions

## Centralizing LMB Functions under GOC

- 24 LMBs receive a decrease of \$4.7 million in the FY 2011. *Result: Hundreds of jobs lost that support children and families*
- LMBs functions reduced to board support and community needs assessment. *Result: Will make it impossible to leverage additional funds and to get partners around the table.*
- GOC is slated to receive 5 additional positions in the FY 2011 budget. *Result: Additional costs \$390,000.*
- LMBs and local jurisdictions no longer assured to receive early intervention and prevention funds as they have in the past. Early intervention and prevention funding is proposed to be bid statewide with preference given to programs that support statewide initiatives and Evidence Based Practices and Local Access Mechanisms. *Result: Many current and local grassroots programs developed under an effective based practice model will no longer be funded especially impacting out-of-school-time activities.*

## Local Decision Making + Accountability = Leveraged Resources for Local Needs

- Leveraged by LMBs in last two years alone, over *\$60 million from local and state resources* to support each LMBs local System of Care being built since 1992. *Result: These resources are at risk.*
- Convened and facilitated the development of community strategic plans and action plans with stakeholders agreeing to further these goals with LMBs leading the way with data and results based accountability. *Result: Gaps in services have been identified and resources aligned and shared.*

## Budget Hearings for GOC and Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund:

### Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Senator Ulysses Currie, Chair

3 West, Miller Senate Building

(410-841-3690 Annapolis/Baltimore Area; 301-858-3690 Washington, D.C. Area)

TUESDAY      FULL COM:GOV'S OFC FOR CHIL  
02/16/10      FULL COM:CHILDREN'S CABINET  
1 p.m.

Anyone wishing to testify on any bill must sign the witness register by **12:50 p.m.** on the day of the bill hearing. If you have written testimony, please submit **25** copies to the committee staff for distribution by **11:00 a.m.** the day of the bill hearing. The order that bills are listed on the schedule is not necessarily the order in which they will be heard. Anyone wishing to testify at budget hearings should contact the appropriate committee staff for information. Limited public testimony may be accepted.

### House Appropriations Committee

Delegate Norman H. Conway, Chair

House Hearing Room 120, House Office Building

(410-841-3407 Annapolis/Baltimore Area; 301-858-3407 Washington, D.C. Area)

FRIDAY      FULL COM:GOV'S OFC FOR CHIL  
02/19/10      FULL COM:CHILDREN'S CABINET  
1 p.m.

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