



# Citizens Review Board for Children

Spring 2014

## Chairperson and Interim Administrator's Spring Message

*“Our Volunteers are the Cornerstone of our Mission”*

The Volunteers of the Citizens Review Board for Children continue to offer significant protection for children by combining objective case reviews with individual child advocacy, program monitoring, outcome evaluation, and system advocacy!

Each one of our committed and dedicated volunteers throughout all 23 counties and Baltimore City possess a heart full of grace, and a soul generated by love.

*Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.*

~Martin Luther King, Jr.~

*Nettie Anderson-Burrs,  
Chairperson State Board*

*George Randall,  
Interim Administrator*

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### State Board

- **Nettie Anderson-Burrs, Circuit IV, Chair**  
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- **Helen Diane Johnson, Circuit VI**  
(Frederick & Montgomery)
- **Sheila Jessup, Circuit VIII**  
(Baltimore City)
- **Sylvia Smith, Circuit VIII**  
(Baltimore City)

# Thomasina L. Hiers

## Deputy Secretary for Programs

### Visited the State Board and CRBC

On March 7, 2014, Deputy Secretary Heirs attended the CRBC State Board meeting to have an informational conversation about Ready By 21.

### Ready By 21 Overview

Preparing youth for adulthood is a critical priority of the Department of Human Resources (DHR). Unfortunately, the majority of the older youth in care will likely remain in care until they age out of the system when they reach 21 years of age. As suggested by national research, foster youth don't do as well as their peers in:

- managing their mental and physical health;
- finding and maintaining employment;
- finding and maintaining housing; and
- completing education goals.



*Maryland has approximately 4,100 youth over the age of 14 in foster care.  
This represents more than half of the total Maryland caseload.*

**To ensure that youth are provided with the opportunity to achieve, DHR will:**

- Refocus its own financial and human resources.
- Actively engage private stakeholders and partners.
- Link youth to needed services and supports provided by community based organizations.
- Strengthen partnerships with local and state government entities.



Five Key factors play a major role in helping youth to be on target and **Ready by 21** to be strong, contributing members of society. These key factors include:

- **Housing** that is stable and safe
- **Education** milestones (high school diploma or GED, occupational skills training programs, etc.)
- **Financial stability** (through employment or entitlements leading to established credit, etc.)
- **Health Care** services
- **Mentors** that provide ongoing supports

# Children's Legislative Advocacy Committee (CLAC) 2014

## Legislation Supported and Passed:

- **Senate Bill 64: Children in Need of Assistance — Educational Stability**  
This bill mandates that certain “educational stability” requirements be incorporated into each case plan. The bill will require the court to take an active role in this process by inquiring as to the educational stability of the child at the specified hearings.
- **SB144: Family Law- Foster Care- Kinship Parent Age Requirements**  
Lowering, from 21 years to 18 years, the age that a person must be to serve as a kinship parent for a child in need of out-of-home placement; and repealing a provision authorizing a local department to waive the age requirement for a potential kinship parent who is at least 18 years of age and who lives with a spouse who is at least 21 years of age.
- **HB178: Family Law- Adoption, Search, Contact, and Reunion Services- Relatives of Minors in out of Home Placement**  
This bill expands the adoption search, contact, and reunion services program in the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to include contacting “relatives” of a minor in out-of-home placement in specified circumstances.
- **HB 315: Equity Court Jurisdiction- Immigrant Children- Custody or Guardianship**  
Altering the jurisdiction of an equity court to include custody or guardianship of an immigrant child pursuant to a motion for Special Immigrant Juvenile factual findings requesting a specified determination; and defining the term "child" to mean an unmarried individual under the age of 21 years under specified circumstances.

# CRBC's Annual 2014 Public Form

**The 2014 Annual Public Forum on Child Welfare**

**ARE YOU CONNECTED?**



**Additional  
information  
coming soon!!!**

# CRBC New Member Training

**Date: Friday, April 25, 2014** *Time: 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.*

# CRBC New Board Member Training April 25th 2014

## **Training Location**

**Citizens Review Board for Children**

**1100 Eastern Blvd.**

**Essex, MD 21221**

**Room #124/125**

Please Contact:

*Marlo Palmer, Volunteer Specialist*

*(410) 238-1338*

*Marlo.Palmer-Dixon@maryland.gov*

# ★ New Member Application Process ★

- ★ Complete and mail all of the required forms from the Governor's Appointment Office:
  - ▶ CRBC Volunteer Application
  - ▶ CRBC CPS Clearance
  - ▶ CRBC Volunteer Code of Conduct
  - ▶ CRBC State Ethics Form
  
- ★ Provide a current resume along with your application packet.
- ★ Consent to a background clearance check through the DHR's Child Abuse Registry.
- ★ Attend a Selection Committee Interview with current board members.
- ★ Attend pre-service training.

**Note:** Upon completion of pre-service training the applicant's information is sent to DHR and the Governor's Appointments Office for review and appointment.

***\*The Governor will make the final decision to appoint each applicant!***

**All forms must be sent to the appropriate office by CRBC!!!**

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# *Saluting CRBC's Volunteer*

**Gail Kaufmann**

**Montgomery County Board #1**

*For your fourteen years of outstanding service and loving commitment on behalf of Maryland's children, as demonstrated by your exemplary record of volunteer service and in appreciation of your loyalty, devotion, and caring in caring for the citizens of Maryland; and as an expression of our great respect, admiration, and sincere best wishes for the future,*



**We Salute You!**



# *Staff Recognition*

**Marlo Palmer-Dixon**

*CRBC Volunteer Specialist*



*In recognition as a DHR Future Leader . . .*

*Marlo is the recipient of the DHR-U Leadership Reach Bronze Award from Secretary Ted Dallas!*



CRBC has **volunteer opportunities** in the following jurisdictions.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Allegany County</b>  | <b>Charles County</b>         | <b>Queen Anne's County</b> |
| <b>Baltimore City</b>   | <b>Dorchester County</b>      | <b>Saint Mary's County</b> |
| <b>Baltimore County</b> | <b>Garrett County</b>         | <b>Somerset County</b>     |
| <b>Calvert County</b>   | <b>Howard County</b>          | <b>Talbot County</b>       |
| <b>Caroline County</b>  | <b>Kent County</b>            | <b>Washington County</b>   |
| <b>Carroll County</b>   | <b>Montgomery County</b>      | <b>Wicomico County</b>     |
| <b>Cecil County</b>     | <b>Prince George's County</b> | <b>Worcester County</b>    |

**Please help us spread the word!**

**Please contact our Volunteer Specialist Marlo Palmer-Dixon at (410) 238-1338 or [Marlo.Palmer-Dixon@maryland.gov](mailto:Marlo.Palmer-Dixon@maryland.gov) to learn more about volunteering with CRBC.**





# State Board Calendar of Events



## State Board Meeting Schedule

April 11, 2014

June 13, 2014

August 11, 2014

October 10, 2014

December 12, 2014

\*Please be advised that State Board Executive Sessions are closed to the Public.

## STRATEGY COMMITTEE

The Strategy Committee meets every 1st Friday of each Month excluding holidays.

Conference Call Participation Instructions

If you plan to call into the State Board meeting please Call:

*Number: 1-888-942-6579*

# CRBC's Wonderful Volunteers

Delores Alexander  
Nettie Anderson-Burrs  
Pamela Baer  
Anna Mae Becker  
Juanita Bellamy  
Roberta Berry  
Fred Bowman  
Sarah Boyd-Walker  
George Braxton  
Kay Brazile  
Barbara Brown  
Erwin Brown  
Otanya Brown  
Barbara Starke  
Michele Burnette  
Heidi Busch  
Frances Carr  
Carol Carson  
Jacqueline Coe  
Bernice Cohen  
Janet Kay Cole  
John Coller  
Mary Jo Comer  
Emily Cooke  
Nicole Cooksey  
Phyllis Cooper  
Beverly Corporal  
Barbara Crosby  
Cherra Culbreath  
Janet Dickerson

Lettie Haynes  
Virginia Heidenreich  
Doretha Henry  
Leon Henry  
Cathy Hodin  
Sandra Dee Hoffman  
Wesley Hordge  
Robert Horsey  
Holly Hutchins  
Reed Hutner  
Judith Ingold  
Carmen Jackson  
Britonya Jackson  
Kenneth Jackson Sr.  
Ernestine Jackson-Dunston  
Eunice Johnson  
Helen Johnson  
Roslie Johnson  
Portia Johnson-Ennels  
Rita Jones  
Denise Joseph  
Gilda Kahn  
Gail Kaufmann  
Janet Kay Cole  
Fatai Kazeem  
Clarice Knotts  
Janice Lake  
Pat Latkovski  
Denise Lienesch  
Bernard Lake

Ardena Dixon  
Jackie Donowitz  
Patricia Duncan  
Scott Durum  
Russel Ebright  
Cheryl Emery  
Sandra Farley  
Susan Fensterheim  
Allyn Fitzgerald  
Robert Foster  
Dianne Fox  
Nina Gallant  
Carol Geck  
Bernard Gibson  
Walter Gill  
Betty Golombek  
Carolyn Goodrich  
Carolyn Gregory  
Sharon Guertler  
Susan Haberman  
Kirkland Hall  
Rosina Handy  
Brad Hartin  
Rebecca Hartman

Mary MacClelland  
Dian MacNichol  
Cathy Mason  
Dianne Mayfield  
Claire McLaughlin  
Rosemarie Mensuphu-Bey  
Deanna Miles-Brown  
Cynthia Miraglia  
Sadie Nelson  
Nakia Ngwala  
Judith Niedzielski  
Tanya Oakes  
Franklin Parker  
Melissa Parkins-Tarbon  
Janice Patterson  
Mary Patton  
Marcella Peters  
Ann Phillips  
Iris Pierce  
Ella Pope  
Donald Pressler  
Stephanie Quinn  
Gail Radcliff  
Margaret Rafner

Janet Ramsey  
Phyllis Rand  
Davina Richardson  
Aundra Roberts  
Valerie Sampson  
Norma Sappington  
Patricia Scanlon  
Carmen Shanholtz  
Carolyn Smith  
Sylvia Smith  
Barbara Starke  
JoAnn Staples  
Geraldine Stearn  
Laura Steele  
Mildred Stewart  
Catherine Stewart-Barksdale  
Nelle Stull  
Patricia Sudina  
William Taylor  
Jane Theodore  
Tracey Todd-Estep  
James Trent  
Wanet Tyson  
Clarence Vaughn  
Adolph Vezza  
Curdell Ward  
Patricia Whitmore-Kendall  
Charlotte Williams  
Edith Williams  
Elizabeth Williams

Bryant Wilson  
Herbert Wilson  
Kathleen Worthington  
Norma Lee Young

