The Citizens Review Board for Children (CRBC) was established by the Maryland State legislature as the Foster Care Review Board for Children in 1978 to spur efforts to provide permanence in the lives of foster children. It consists of a State Board and local boards in all counties. In 1999, the State Board was additionally charged to oversee child protection agencies and to train 24 local citizens' panels for child protection.

**OUR MISSION**

To conduct case reviews of children in out-of-home care, make timely individual case and systemic recommendations; and advocate for legislative and systematic child welfare improvements to promote safety and permanency.

**OUR VISION**

We envision the protection of all children from abuse and neglect, only placing children in out-of-home care when necessary; and providing families the help they need to stay intact; children will be safe in a permanent living arrangement.

There are approximately 4,000 children currently in care throughout Maryland!

Want to use your voice to advocate for Maryland’s most vulnerable children? Please contact Sandra Colea at 443-986-4971/ Sandra.Colea@maryland.gov or Lakira Whitaker at 410-238-1331/ Lakira.Whitaker1@maryland.gov