

Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

MISSION

The Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) represents the Governor in furtherance of the State's goal of promoting equal access for all Marylanders by providing expertise that enhances the general welfare of Maryland's deaf and hard of hearing residents.

VISION

All Maryland citizens who are deaf or hard of hearing will have equal and full access to resources, services, and opportunities for participation in all aspects of community life.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. All deaf and hard of hearing citizens will have equal and full access to state programs, resources, and services to fully participate in community life.

Obj. 1.1 Coordinate with federal, State, and local governments regarding policy issues and program development.

Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Number of governmental entities involved in coordination of services to the deaf and hard of hearing through contact and/or involvement with ODHH	51	55	65	100	80	80	80

Obj. 1.2 Serve as an information clearinghouse on the delivery of services from State agencies to Maryland's deaf and hard of hearing population.

Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Maryland Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, MDH: Number identified with hearing loss	84	85	95	80	66	92	92
Springfield Hospital Center, MDH: Deaf unit annual admissions	4	0	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Telecommunication Access of Maryland, DoIT: Telephone assessments provided	403	790	543	466	643	700	700
Maryland School for the Deaf, MSDE: Number of students enrolled	520	532	508	515	491	480	494
Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, MSDE: Number of students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) with deaf/hard of hearing designation code (excluding Maryland School for the Deaf students)	437	384	388	606	613	N/A	N/A
Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, MSDE: Number of families with an Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) with a hearing loss designation code	100	98	N/A	98	55	N/A	N/A
¹ Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, MSDE: Number of children served through the Hearing Aid Loan Bank	10	17	23	23	6	15	N/A

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Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Maryland Department of Disabilities: Instances of information and referral related to deaf/hard of hearing services and resources	N/A	17	15	11	15	18	20
Maryland Commission on Civil Rights: Number of complaints filed by deaf/hard of hearing constituents	5	14	10	6	11	10	N/A
Department of Human Services: Number of deaf/hard of hearing children and youth in care in the child welfare system	84	56	152	30	30	30	N/A
Division of Rehabilitation Services, MSDE: Number of deaf/hard of hearing individuals determined eligible for services	299	272	318	278	196	175	165
Division of Rehabilitation Services, MSDE: Number of deaf/hard of hearing individuals served	1,620	1,549	1,867	1,471	1,364	1,300	1,250
Division of Rehabilitation Services, MSDE: Number of deaf/hard of hearing individuals who achieve an employment outcome	164	119	282	76	60	55	50
Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library: Number of Website Visits	N/A	N/A	3,039	7,355	5,478	6,000	6,800

Goal 2. Maryland citizens will be aware of the needs and issues affecting deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Obj. 2.1 Maintain levels of information and referrals to private and public sectors each year.

Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Instances of information and referral	217	232	264	450	400	400	400

Obj. 2.2 Increase awareness of ODHH's activities and initiatives that benefit Maryland residents.

Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Number of email subscribers	1,579	1,650	1,843	1,422	1,697	1,750	1,800
Number of Facebook page followers	2,154	2,526	3,201	4,428	5,424	5,700	6,000
Number of Instagram followers	N/A	N/A	N/A	625	1,050	1,150	1,250
Number of Twitter followers	756	896	1,013	1,128	1,297	1,400	1,500
Number of ODHH website visits	23,128	20,496	17,902	23,042	42,386	25,000	25,000
Number of ODHH YouTube video views	8,955	6,323	7,800	5,000	36,619	5,000	5,000

Obj. 2.3 Maintain engagement opportunities for Maryland's deaf and hard of hearing population to share current concerns and needs.

Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Number of town hall meetings or public forums	4	6	8	6	3	6	6

NOTES

¹ Fiscal year 2020 data is estimated because it is reported on a calendar year basis.

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D11A04.01 Executive Direction

Program Description

The Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing promotes the general welfare of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the State. The specific statutory responsibilities include: (1) providing, advocating, and coordinating the adoption of public policies, regulations, and programs that will benefit deaf and hard of hearing individuals; (2) improving access to communication and to existing services and programs for deaf and hard of hearing individuals; (3) providing direct services to deaf and hard of hearing individuals as appropriate; (4) increasing public awareness of the needs and issues affecting deaf and hard of hearing individuals; (5) working with State and local agencies to ensure access for deaf and hard of hearing individuals to safety and emergency services; (6) developing a referral service for deaf and hard of hearing individuals; (7) serving as an information clearinghouse on the needs and issues affecting deaf and hard of hearing individuals; (8) working to increase access for deaf and hard of hearing individuals to educational, health, and social opportunities; (9) working with private organizations, the federal government, and other units of State government to promote economic development for deaf and hard of hearing individuals; (10) working to eliminate the underemployment and unemployment of deaf and hard of hearing individuals; (11) providing a network through which services provided by State and federal programs can be channeled; and (12) promoting compliance with State, local, and federal laws and policies protecting and serving deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Appropriation Statement

	2020 Actual	2021 Appropriation	2022 Allowance
Number of Authorized Positions	3.00	3.00	3.00
Number of Contractual Positions	0.00	0.70	0.00
01 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	327,616	331,631	341,323
02 Technical and Special Fees	0	27,835	0
03 Communications	956	1,151	1,151
04 Travel	2,246	2,283	2,283
08 Contractual Services	38,264	84,154	89,401
09 Supplies and Materials	1,837	1,197	1,197
13 Fixed Charges	1,723	2,466	2,466
Total Operating Expenses	45,026	91,251	96,498
Total Expenditure	372,642	450,717	437,821
Net General Fund Expenditure	372,642	450,717	437,821
Total Expenditure	372,642	450,717	437,821

3 Year Position Summary

Classification Title	FY 2020 Positions	FY 2020 Expenditures	FY 2021 Positions	FY 2021 Appropriation	FY 2022 Positions	FY 2022 Allowance
D11 - Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing						
D11A0401 - Executive Direction						
Exec Aide VI	1.00	111,612	1.00	117,705	1.00	117,705
Exec Asst I Exec Dept	1.00	71,719	2.00	106,428	2.00	106,428
Spec Asst II Exec Dept	1.00	14,487	0.00	0	0.00	0
Total D11A0401	3.00	197,818	3.00	224,133	3.00	224,133