

CHERRY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL'S
FAMILY OUTREACH PROGRAM



The Family Outreach Worker is from the Cecil County Department of Social Services and can provide **voluntary** outreach services to families of our CHMS students. The worker can help with locating community resources for a variety of issues, such as help accessing **counseling services, domestic violence interventions, substance abuse treatment, court/custody/visitation navigation, parenting resources, housing, food, energy needs** and many other issues that one might need help with. Assistance pertaining to your child's absenteeism and/or truancy from school can also be discussed. Your privacy is important and any information that you request is **confidential**. Please feel free to call for more information or to set up a face-to-face meeting.

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FOR ON-LINE

INFORMATION ABOUT:

- FOOD STAMPS
- TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)
- MARYLAND ENERGY ASSISTANCE
- MARYLAND PHARMACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- BURIAL ASSISTANCE
- EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
- TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

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<https://www.marylandsail.org/>

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ALL MEDICAL INSURANCE IS

NOW ON LINE @:

<https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/>

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

The Cecil County Department of Social Services

#410-996-0100

The Cecil County Health Department

#410-996-5100

The Cecil County Family Court Services

#410-996-1157

The Cecil County Department of Juvenile Justice

#410-996-2800

The Cecil County Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Program

#410-996-0333

The Cecil County Drug and Alcohol Center

#410-996-5106

The Cecil County Public Defender's Office

#410-996-0640

Legal Aid

#1-800-444-9529

Maryland's **HOME ALONE** Law & Guidelines



CHILDREN UNDER AGE 8...

- *no matter how bright, mature, or 'independent' **cannot be left alone.**
- *cannot be left alone in parked cars or in public places, such as libraries, stores, swimming pools, or parks where other adults are just 'around'.
- *must have an assigned, dependable caretaker, **13 years or older,** to watch them.
- *can **NEVER** be left to be supervised by a child who is under 13 years old.

CHILDREN AGE 8 & OVER...

- *can be left alone for **SHORT** periods of time if certain commonsense requirements are met.
- *need to know what to do in the case of an emergency, accident or illness.
- * need to know your work &/or cell phone numbers, how to call 911 and how to give their correct address.
- ***cannot be alone overnight.**
- *should not be left alone for any period of time if they have any kind of disabling mental, physical, or emotional handicaps.
- *need to have a simple 'fire drill' plan in place as fire is the most common hazard for a child left home alone.

A CHILD IS DEFINED AS ANY INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

Maryland Family Law 5-801 states... “a person who is charged with the care of a child under the age of **8** years may not allow the child to be locked or confined in a dwelling, building, enclosure, or motor vehicle while the person charged is absent and the dwelling, building, enclosure, or motor vehicle is out of the sight of the person charged unless the person charged provides a reliable person at least **13** years old to remain with the child to protect the child...”

“...a person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both...”