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**FROM: Governor's Office for Children**

January 17, 2020

The Honorable Chair Guy Guzzone  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, Suite 3 West  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Chair Maggie McIntosh  
House Appropriations Committee  
House Office Building, Room 121  
6 Bladen Street  
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**RE: 2019 Joint Chairmen's Report, Page 177, HS § 8-703(e), GOC, FY 2019 State of Maryland Out-of-Home Placement and Family Preservation Resource Plan (MSAR #6523)**

Dear Chair Guzzone and McIntosh:

In accordance with the 2019 Joint Chairmen's Report – FY 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets (Page 177) and § 8-703(e) of the Human Services Article, please find an enclosed copy of the Governor's Office for Children's report entitled, *FY 2019 State of Maryland Out-of-Home Placement and Family Preservation Resource Plan*. This report includes information on out-of-home placement trends, children's needs in Maryland, and how agencies are meeting those needs. It also fulfills the requirement, pursuant to the 2019 Joint Chairmen's Report (Page 177), to facilitate an evaluation of "Maryland's family preservation programs in stemming the flow of children from their homes," and § 8-703(e) of the Human Services Article, to produce an annual State Resource Plan for Residential Child Care Programs "to enhance access to services provided by residential child care programs."

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact me at 410-697-9338.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

**cc: President William C. "Bill" Ferguson IV  
Speaker Adrienne A. Jones  
Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services (5 copies)**