

Maryland Legal Services Program

Providing Legal Services for Maryland's Vulnerable Children and Families



Hope Tipton, Esq., joined DHR as the Director of the Maryland Legal Services Program (MLSP) in January 2013. Prior to coming to DHR, Hope was the founding director of Maryland's only medical-legal partnership, Project HEAL, located at The Johns Hopkins Children's Center. She comes to DHR with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the area of children and individuals with disabilities. As the Director, Hope has established three main goals for MLSP: (1) provide quality legal services to children and individuals with disabilities; (2) operate with efficiency, accuracy, and purpose; and (3) build and sustain relationships with community stakeholders.

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Teminka Rawlings, MBA, joined DHR as the Deputy Director of MLSP in April 2012. Teminka's professional background consists of consulting, management, and customer service. At MLSP, Teminka's responsibilities include assisting with the budget, billing inquiries and invoices, contract issues, and compliance concerns. She believes that the new direction of MLSP is positive and is dedicated to making a difference for Maryland's most vulnerable population.

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Lisa Dameron joined DHR as the Contract Compliance Officer of MLSP in August 2012. Lisa's responsibilities at MLSP are to ensure that all contracted legal service providers meet the requirements under the RFP. She is also responsible for maintaining the statistical information for the MLSP quarterly and annual reports. Prior to coming to MLSP, she was a Program Analyst for the Homeless Services Program at DHR. Lisa has over seven years of experience in monitoring various State programs.

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Sharon Stell-Smith joined DHR as a Program Administrator for MLSP in October 1992. As the Program Administrator, she ensures that MLSP is equipped to function at its full capacity, and offers unlimited support to MLSP and staff on a daily basis. In addition, Sharon processes and tracks all invoices to ensure prompt payment for our attorneys providing quality representation to Maryland's most vulnerable population.

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Crystal Weaver joined DHR as a Program Administrator for MLSP in September 2011. Her primary responsibilities are to initiate and implement MLSP policies and procedures, keep MLSP in compliance with regulations associated with contracts, assist the Deputy Director with budget issues, and supervise all MLSP interns. Crystal also assists with billing inquiries and invoices for our Court Appointed Attorney Program (CAAP) attorneys.

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Tinika Frasier joined DHR as an intern through the Work Experience Program in January 2013. Her responsibilities include administrative tasks and support to MLSP and staff, as well as answering and addressing telephone inquiries.

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