



State of Maryland Executive Department

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Dear colleagues, partners, and community-supporters,

The Governor's Office for Children, in coordination with the Children's Cabinet, is proud to invite you to the First Annual *Maryland's Results for Child Well-Being Stakeholders Forum* on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the Rice Auditorium in Spring Grove.

Maryland is proud to have one of the longest-running results and indicators measurement for children than any other state in the country. Measuring the progress of children's well-being takes more than analysis and reporting and it is made possible by the contributions of child and family-serving organizations throughout the state that have systems in place to monitor and track children's information. Monitoring involves collecting information on clear standards that are shared among a network of partners. Results-based accountability relies as much on cooperation and organizational skill as it does on statistical analysis. Our understanding of children's well-being is only as good as the quality of our collaboration.

This year's Results Stakeholders Forum will feature an in-depth panel discussion from representatives of Children's Cabinet agencies about trends in child well-being, an analysis of the previous year's progress, and break-out workgroups for participants to call attention to their local needs. The focus of the workgroup sessions will be on improving children's health, education, and family and community environments. We plan for this to be an opportunity to inform the community about results measurement in the State of Maryland and a platform to springboard the 2011 results measurement process.

Please take this opportunity to be involved in the critical statewide effort to make improvements in child well-being by becoming better informed about progress toward Maryland's eight goals and what practices communities are already implementing to address children's needs.

Please complete the online registration form <http://resultsandindicators2010.eventbrite.com/> no later than Friday, November 9, 2011. Should you have any questions please feel free to call or email Steven Schreiber-Stahl at (410)767-3539 or [sschreiber@goc.state.md.us](mailto:sschreiber@goc.state.md.us).

We are looking forward to having you join us for a forum in which we will work together on behalf of Maryland's children and their families. We hope to see you at the Rice Auditorium on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,



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Theodore Dallas, Secretary, Department of Human Resources  
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