



Annual Report of the Commission for the Effective Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor of Maryland
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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House, H-107
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The Honorable Michael Erin Busch
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House H-101
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Dear Governor Hogan, President Miller, and Speaker Busch:

Pursuant to Executive Order 01.01.2013.04, please accept this letter as fulfillment of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention's (Office) requirement to produce an annual report as described in Section H of this Executive Order which established the *Governor's Commission for Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*.

In September 2013, in response to the death of a Frederick County man with Down syndrome who passed away after law enforcement officials tried to remove him from a movie theater, Executive Order 01.01.2013.04 was signed into law which established the *Commission for Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (Commission). Pursuant to Executive Order 01.01.2013.04, the Commission was charged to:

1. Develop and issue recommendations for guidelines regarding law enforcement officials, paramedics, and other first responders' responses to situations involving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities;



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2. Develop recommendations for statewide training standards to educate individuals in positions of authority, such as law enforcement officials, paramedics, and other first responders, about approaches for safely managing situations involving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities;
3. Develop a comprehensive strategy for State and local officials, disabilities advocates, and other interested parties to ensure enhanced responses to situations involving individuals intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
4. Consider other related matters as the Commission deems necessary.

Since its inception, the Commission held 12 meetings of the full Commission and established various subcommittees. The Commission received input from the public in a four-stop listening tour across Maryland where self-advocates, family members, disability professionals, and law enforcement provided information and feedback. Along with meeting many of its objectives, and reporting those most recently to Governor Hogan and the Maryland General Assembly in its December 3, 2015 submission of the *Annual Report of the Commission for the Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, the Commission continually recommended that self-advocates be a meaningful part of State trainings.

On July 1, 2015, Senate Bill 853 (Chapter 387) established the *Ethan Saylor Alliance for Self-Advocate as Educators* (Alliance) within the Department of Disabilities. The Alliance was charged to prepare and support self-advocates in playing an active and central role in educating the professionals, in various departments throughout Maryland government, who interact with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Self-advocates have their own voices to share and their own lessons to teach. The Alliance is coordinated by a Steering Committee of stakeholders who selected one to implement training those self-advocates who become the trainer educators.

The originally established Commission achieved a number of its goals including developing entry level and in-service law enforcement trainings, which were approved by the Maryland



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Police and Correctional Commissions, and initiating the exploration of additional sectors across Maryland State Government to ascertain the current landscape regarding understanding and effectively communicating with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This progress created a foundation which enables the Alliance to be well positioned to carry on. The Alliance is now the entity responsible for pushing forward goals related to this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Executive Director