

**Coalition to Protect Maryland's Children**  
Founded 1996

**Mission**

The mission of The Coalition to Protect Maryland's Children (CPMC) is to combine and amplify the power of organizations and citizens who are working together to keep children safe from abuse and neglect. We strive to secure the budgetary and public policy resources to make meaningful and measurable improvements in safety, permanency, and well-being.

**Who We Are**

- The Coalition is an alliance of organizational members, whose missions are consistent with the Coalition's and individual citizen members who support the mission, goals and activities of the Coalition. The Coalition membership represent 14 geographically-diverse organizations and includes:
  - Advocates for Children and Youth
  - Associated Catholic Charities
  - Baltimore Child Abuse Center
  - Child Justice, Inc.
  - Citizens Review Board for Children
  - Court Appointed Special Advocates
  - The Family Tree
  - The Franklin Law Group
  - Legal Aid Bureau
  - Md Chapter of American Acad. of Pediatrics
  - Md Coalition Against Sexual Assault
  - MD Chap. National Association of Social Workers
  - Philip, Diana
  - State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect
  - Board of Child Care

**Goals**

The goals of the Coalition to Protect Maryland's Children are to:

- Prevent child abuse and neglect;
- Increase the priority of the welfare of children among the citizenry, the media and public officials;
- Improve public and private programs that assess and strengthen families; investigate and ameliorate abuse and neglect; provide out-of-home placement; assure permanency services; and promote a positive transition to independence;
- Ensure that children are placed in safe, stable, loving, permanent homes without undue delay and that decisions about placement are governed by children's best interests; and
- Promote continuity of relationships and overall well-being for children who are served by Maryland's child protection and child welfare programs.
- Hold child protection and child welfare agencies accountable.

**Legislative Successes**

In line with the Coalition's mission and goals, legislative priorities are set annually. In recent years the coalition has been successful in passing several bills including: