



MARFY to Become Program of Maryland Nonprofits

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Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations (Maryland Nonprofits) and Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth (MARFY) have announced the two organizations will be united, starting on July 1, 2016.

Maryland Nonprofits strengthens nonprofit organizations through Standards for Excellence, education and advocacy to improve the quality of life in Maryland. MARFY is an association of child caring organizations that provide foster care, group homes and other services to help youth and families achieve stability. The boards of directors of these two 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations have determined that they can better serve their missions by uniting their memberships.

Debbie Marini, chair of the MARFY board of directors, is the executive director of Building Families for Children and a long-time member of Maryland Nonprofits as well as a Standards for Excellence seal holder.

“MARFY is thrilled to become part of the Maryland Nonprofits family,” said Ms. Marini. “Maryland Nonprofits expertise and services to help in ‘all things non-profit’ will build MARFY agency’s capacity and strengthen our contributions in the communities we serve while at the same time allowing MARFY to remain a collective and powerful voice for those who serve Maryland’s most vulnerable children, youth and families.”

Beverley Francis-Gibson is board chair of Maryland Nonprofits and executive director of NAMI Howard County.

“Maryland Nonprofits gladly embraces this opportunity to expand the strength and scope of our network, said Beverley Francis-Gibson, chair of the Maryland Nonprofits board of directors. “We are excited about offering our wide array of benefits to the MARFY members.”

Beginning on July 1, MARFY members will have lower dues and increased benefits of membership, including educational programs and tools, Standards for Excellence resources, free job postings, discounted insurance and other services, and more.

MARFY’s website, brand, annual conference, and advocacy efforts will continue and be expanded in the coming year. Maryland Nonprofits will be the surviving corporate entity, and MARFY members will be represented on Maryland Nonprofits board of directors.

MARFY: www.marfy.org

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Additional Information:

1. MARFY membership dues will be decreased and benefits of membership will increase, and MARFY members will be both MARFY members and Maryland Nonprofits members. New benefits of membership include free job postings, discounts on insurance and other services, free meeting space in Baltimore and Rockville, discounted consulting services, free and discounted educational programs, access to fundraising databases, networking and more.
2. MARFY's programs and advocacy will continue, including the Annual Conference, October 5-7, 2016 in Ocean City, the Youth Leadership Awards, Coalitions (Residential Treatment Centers Coalition, Group Homes Coalition and Treatment Foster Care Coalition), member meetings and more.
3. MARFY's current board of directors will transition to become an advisory council on July 1. The chair of the MARFY advisory council will become a member of the Maryland Nonprofits board of directors.
4. MARFY advocacy positions will be independent of Maryland Nonprofits advocacy positions, and will be set by the MARFY advisory council and carried out by MARFY's lobbyist.
5. Maryland Nonprofits and MARFY have entered into an asset transfer agreement whereby MARFY will transfer its assets to Maryland Nonprofits and MARFY will become a program of Maryland Nonprofits.

New MARFY Annual Dues, July 1, 2016

Provider dues	July 1, 2016 Dues
Budget Level: \$1 - \$24999	\$200
Budget Level: \$25000 - \$99999	\$300
Budget Level: \$100000 - \$399999	\$800
Budget Level: \$400000 - \$999999	\$1,400
Budget Level: \$1 million - \$3.9 million	\$2,000
Budget Level: \$4 million - \$6.9 million	\$2,700
Budget Level: \$7 million - \$10.9 million	\$3,600
Budget Level: \$11 million - \$15.9 million	\$4,600
Budget Level: \$16 million +	\$6,000
Associate Members & Sponsors	\$700