

St. Mary's County Department of Social Services

VISION

We envision a St. Mary's County where residents are safe, stable, and functioning independently.

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The St. Mary's County Department of Social Services is dedicated to building and strengthening community partnerships that support and protect individuals and families, and that provide opportunities to attain stability and economic independence.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Work – as a fundamental step toward independence and family self-sufficiency for those who are able to work.

Communication – as the essential tool for open and continuous sharing of the work we do and the results we achieve.

Collaboration – as the way to build relationships with each other, with those we serve and the community.

Respect - as the attitude we adopt toward our customers and each other.

Excellence - as the standard against which we measure ourselves.

Empowerment – as the end result of all we do – the ability of our customers to meet their own life challenges and our ability to support them in the transition.

Strategic Visioning – as the way we respond to changing needs and measure the impact of our response.