

(d) (1) [Before January 1, 1985, the] THE local department, the appropriate law enforcement agencies, [and] the State's Attorney within each county and Baltimore City, AND THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER shall enter into a written agreement that specifies standard operating procedures for the investigation and prosecution of reported cases of child abuse.

~~(2) -- AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE INVOLVING A GROUP DAY CARE CENTER OR FAMILY DAY CARE HOME SHALL INCLUDE THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER.~~

(e) (1) [Before January 1, 1985, the] THE agencies responsible for investigating child sexual abuse, including the local department, ~~THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER~~, the appropriate law enforcement agencies, and the local State's Attorney shall implement a joint investigation procedure for conducting joint investigations of child sexual abuse.

(2) The joint investigation procedure shall:

(i) include appropriate techniques for expediting validation of child sexual abuse complaints;

(ii) include investigation techniques designed to:

1. decrease the potential for physical harm to the child; and

2. decrease any trauma experienced by the child in the investigation and prosecution of the case; and

(iii) establish a training program prior to July 1, 1985, for personnel involved in the investigation or prosecution of child sexual abuse cases.

(f) (1) To the extent possible, an investigation under this section shall be completed within 10 days after receipt of the first notice of the suspected abuse by the local department or law enforcement agencies.

(2) (i) Within 10 days after the local department or law enforcement agency receives the first notice of the suspected abuse, the local department or law enforcement agency shall report to the local State's Attorney the preliminary findings of the investigation.

(ii) The local department or law enforcement agency shall make a final report to the local State's Attorney within 30 days of the date of the preliminary report, or request an extension at that time if the investigation is not completed. Each extension may not be for more than 30 days.