

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13-2207(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

13-2201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) ["Center of Excellence"] **"CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDERS (MARYLAND CHAMP)"** means a [local or regional multidisciplinary team of] **NETWORK OF MARYLAND** health care professionals [and health care facilities] with the expertise to [diagnose] **ADDRESS THE PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS** and [treat] **TREATMENT OF** child abuse and neglect **WHILE WORKING CLOSELY WITH OTHER DISCIPLINES AND ORGANIZATIONS ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES, INCLUDING CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS.**

(c) ["Centers of Excellence"] **"CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDERS (MARYLAND CHAMP) faculty"** means a core group of clinical experts, as designated by the Department, who provide training, consultation, and support for the diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and neglect to health care professionals.

(d) "Child advocacy center" means [an] **A CHILD-FOCUSED** entity within or outside a health care facility that [diagnoses] **INVESTIGATES, DIAGNOSES,** and treats [child abuse and neglect] **CHILDREN WHO MAY HAVE BEEN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED THAT:**

(1) **INCLUDES LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, LOCAL CRIMINAL PROSECUTORS, AND THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; AND**

(2) **MAY INCLUDE CHILD MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS AND OTHER CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

(e) "Initiative" means the Child Abuse [and Neglect Centers of Excellence] **MEDICAL PROVIDERS (MARYLAND CHAMP) Initiative.**