

(f) "Multidisciplinary team" means a group of professionals with expertise in various health care and social service professional disciplines who provide consultation, treatment, and planning in cases of child abuse and neglect.

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(a) There is a Child Abuse [and Neglect Centers of Excellence] **MEDICAL PROVIDERS (MARYLAND CHAMP)** Initiative in the Department.

(b) The purposes of the Initiative are:

(1) To improve the protection of children in the State;

(2) To recruit local physicians to gain clinical expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and neglect;

(3) To develop and guide the practice of local or regional multidisciplinary teams to improve the **MEDICAL** assessment and treatment of children who are the subject of a child abuse or neglect investigation or a child in need of assistance;

(4) To facilitate the appropriate prosecution of criminal child abuse and neglect; and

(5) To provide expert consultation and training to local or regional multidisciplinary teams in the diagnosis and treatment of physical child abuse and neglect and sexual abuse through teleconferencing and on-site services.

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The [Centers of Excellence] **CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDERS (MARYLAND CHAMP)** faculty shall:

(1) Assist local and regional jurisdictions to develop standards and protocols for the composition and operation of local or regional [Centers of Excellence] **CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDERS (MARYLAND CHAMP)**;

(2) Provide training and consultation to local or regional [Centers of Excellence] **CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDERS (MARYLAND CHAMP)** in the diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and neglect;

(3) [Inventory existing academic and emergency resources available for teleconferencing and facilitate the use of these resources for child abuse and neglect investigations and treatment plans; and