

(4)] Provide financial support to part-time local and regional expert clinic staff for the diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and neglect;

(4) COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL OR REGIONAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS AND FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINER PROGRAMS; AND

(5) HELP ASSURE THAT MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON HOW TO COOPERATE WITH LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES, CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO:

(I) PROTECT CHILDREN FROM TRAUMA DURING THE PROCESS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTION;

(II) MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF TIMES EACH CHILD IS INTERVIEWED AND EXAMINED; AND

(III) MINIMIZE THE POTENTIAL FOR INFLUENCING A CHILD'S STATEMENT.

13-2204.

A [Center of Excellence] CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER (MARYLAND CHAMP) may receive information from the Department and may consult with the Department on any case:

(1) Referred from the Children in Need of Assistance program;

(2) Concerning a child committed to the Department or a local department of social services; or

(3) Concerning a child who is the subject of a child abuse or neglect investigation.

13-2206.

(a) In fiscal year 2007, the Governor shall include in the State budget an appropriation in the amount of \$225,000 for the Child Abuse [and Neglect Centers of Excellence] MEDICAL PROVIDERS (MARYLAND CHAMP) Initiative.

(b) In each fiscal year beginning with fiscal 2008, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill submitted to the General Assembly a General Fund