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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker of the House  
H-101 State House  
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**RE: Health General Article §13-2205(d) and Ch. 334 of the Acts 2005 (SB 782)  
2017 Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel Legislative Report**

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

Pursuant to Health-General Article §13-2205(d), Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Department of Health, through its Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel, is directed to submit this annual legislative report on issues relating to data collected on child abuse diagnosis and treatment, as well as the activities of the Maryland Child Abuse Medical Providers (CHAMP) Initiative. The enclosed report covers the activities of Maryland CHAMP for Fiscal Year 2017.

If you have questions concerning this report, please contact Webster Ye, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary, at (410) 767-6480.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Neall  
Secretary

Enclosure

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**Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel  
(Maryland CHAMP)  
Fiscal Year 2017 Report**

**Health General Article §13-2205(d)**

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## **Background**

Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2005 (SB 782) charged the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health (the Department) to establish the Child Abuse and Neglect Centers of Excellence Initiative and to appoint and convene the Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel (the Expert Panel). The Expert Panel is charged with reviewing the appropriateness of Current Procedural Terminology codes and billing protocols for services related to child abuse and neglect, determining if diagnosis and treatment data could be utilized to provide statistics on the extent of child abuse and neglect in the State, and reviewing activities of the Centers of Excellence Initiative. The Expert Panel consists of representatives from the Department, the Department of Human Services, Maryland Children's Alliance, and the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Child Maltreatment and Emergency Department Committees (Appendix A: Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel Members). In 2008, pursuant to Md. Ann. Code Health-General Art., §13-2201, the Child Abuse and Neglect Centers of Excellence Initiative was renamed Maryland Child Abuse Medical Providers (CHAMP).

Child maltreatment is a common and serious public health concern. According to the Maryland Department of Human Resources' Child Protective Services, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 there were 21,989 new cases of alleged child abuse and neglect in Maryland (Appendix B: Child Abuse and Neglect by Jurisdiction). Child maltreatment results in significant morbidity, mortality, and costs. Due to the complex nature of child abuse and neglect investigations, multidisciplinary teams comprised of medical professionals, Child Protective Services staff, law enforcement, mental health providers, forensic interviewers, and victim advocates are used to enhance and improve investigations and responses for children and families. Multidisciplinary teams staff child advocacy centers, which are child-friendly facilities where children and families engaged in child abuse investigations can access services (Appendix C: Map of Maryland Child Advocacy Centers). The CHAMP program was developed to provide expert consultation and training to local and regional multidisciplinary teams in the diagnosis and treatment of child physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect.

During FY 2017 the Department's Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) administered the CHAMP program through staff support of five CHAMP faculty members contracted to provide ongoing training, consultation, and peer review to local providers. This report covers the FY 2017 activities of the CHAMP program.

## **CHAMP Activities**

Beginning July 1, 2016, the CHAMP program was administered by the MCHB through individual contracts with University of Maryland School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center, and Chesapeake Health Education Program Inc. In FY 2017, the CHAMP program maintained a faculty of six child abuse medical experts, and the faculty met quarterly to discuss future trainings and topics, recruitment of a network provider for Prince George's County, and increasing prevention efforts of child maltreatment. The CHAMP faculty provided training and support in the diagnosis and treatment of child maltreatment to local health care providers, and expert consultation to State agencies involved in child abuse and neglect investigations, such as Child Protective Services and law enforcement.

In FY 2017, CHAMP held three half-day provider trainings to review a variety of child maltreatment topics. These trainings included topics such as "Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ Youth," "Child Death Review," and "Addressing Child Sexual Abuse: A Public Health Perspective." Each training also included a case review session. The case review session is led by a faculty member and is an opportunity for providers to review and discuss cases. The case review session is particularly helpful for those who practice in low-volume jurisdictions and may not have opportunities to assess less common findings in a clinical setting.

In addition to the three training sessions, CHAMP faculty members Dr. Scott Krugman, Dr. Howard Dubowitz, and Dr. Leena Dev completed a series of grand rounds on child abuse topics at Frederick Memorial Hospital, Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center, Maryland Academy of Family Physicians, and Baltimore Washington Medical Center. The new program structure allowed for two pediatric forensic nurse examiner trainings, which were conducted by CHAMP faculty member, Pamela Holtzinger, RN.

During FY 2017, the CHAMP program developed monthly peer review calls for child abuse medical evaluations for local child advocacy centers, and a new physician (Monet Ouwinga, MD) was recruited to provide exams for Child Advocacy Centers in Southern Maryland.

Local CHAMP providers are able to consult with a member of the CHAMP faculty 24 hours per day, seven days per week via a secure, online, HIPAA-compliant program called ProNet (formerly known as TeleCam). Local CHAMP providers can upload case information and images to the secure website, which is accessible only to CHAMP faculty.



## **Future Plans**

The CHAMP program will continue to be administered by the Department's MCHB in order to reduce administrative costs and increase funding for programmatic improvements. In FY 2018, MCHB will extend individual contracts with five CHAMP faculty members providing ongoing training and consultation services. For a description of contracts and services, see Appendix F.

The CHAMP faculty will conduct three half-day training sessions, in October 2017, February 2018, and June 2018, in addition to a webinar in April 2018, which is Child Abuse Prevention Month. As it has in the past, the faculty will provide consultation through ProNet.

The CHAMP program will maintain its recruitment efforts throughout the State with support from MCHB staff. The CHAMP program will also continue to explore opportunities for child maltreatment prevention efforts.

**Appendix A**  
**Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel Members**

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## Appendix B

### Child Abuse and Neglect by Jurisdiction

#### Maryland Child Welfare Services Data

June-17

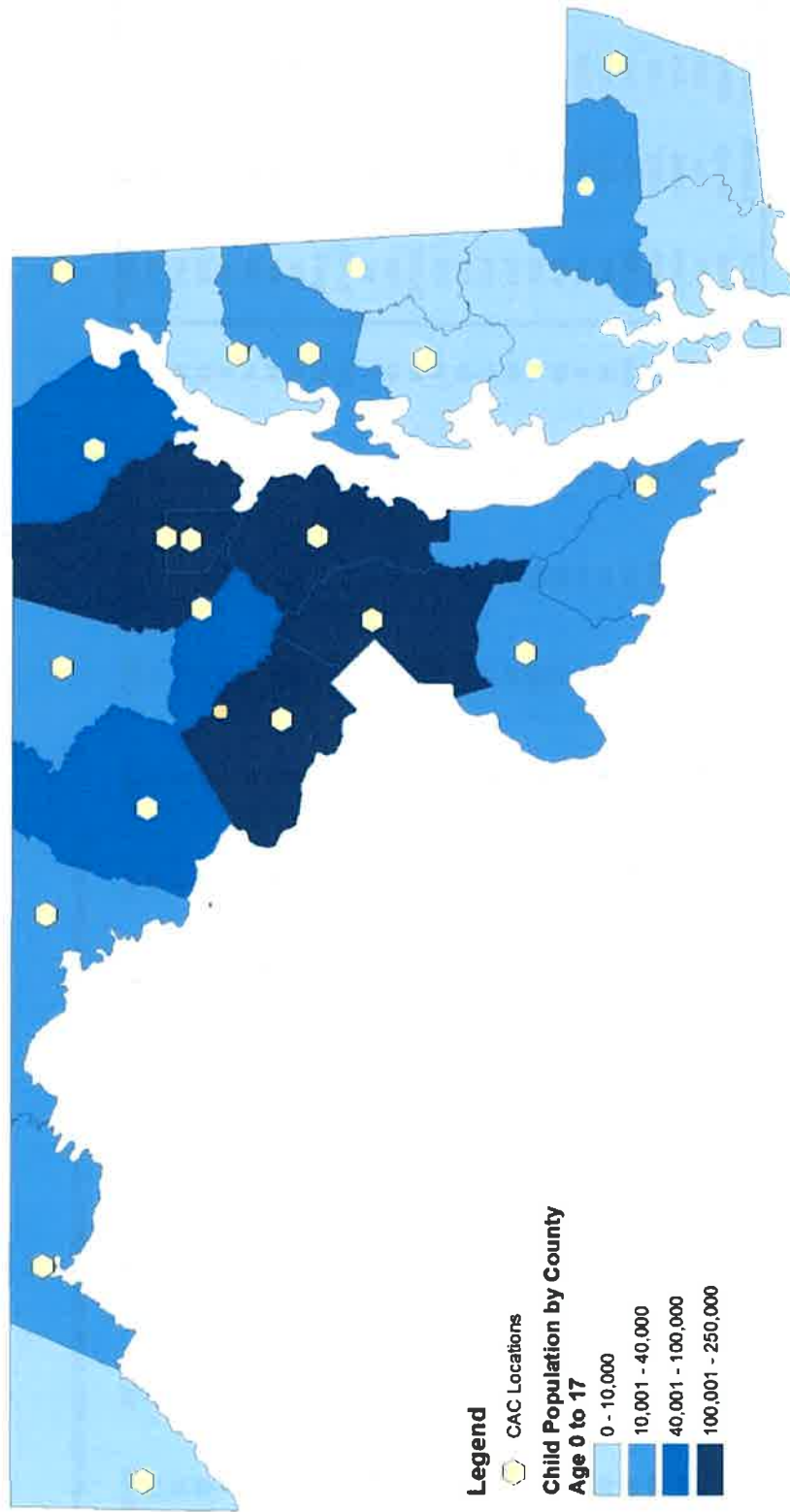
[Child Protective Services - New \(Total\)](#)

	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	FY 17 Total	1 month Change	12-month Change	12-Month Median
Allegany	27	53	56	40	34	35	39	37	32	60	31	33	477	6%	22%	36
Anne Arundel	131	175	201	172	176	178	192	197	185	182	216	160	2,165	-26%	22%	180
Baltimore City	308	361	445	404	426	344	388	404	425	379	420	333	4,637	-21%	8%	396
Baltimore County	98	126	186	186	183	183	175	176	207	163	209	190	2,082	-9%	94%	183
Calvert	16	12	29	20	14	14	29	28	30	21	25	21	259	-16%	31%	21
Caroline	12	14	17	9	12	9	13	8	14	13	12	8	141	-33%	-33%	12
Carroll	41	37	49	60	44	52	56	56	75	59	73	46	648	-37%	12%	54
Cecil	32	33	54	37	40	34	48	67	60	55	61	39	560	-36%	22%	44
Charles	23	45	53	64	54	53	65	62	76	61	73	34	663	-53%	48%	58
Dorchester	11	29	11	23	20	27	20	40	45	30	29	17	302	-41%	55%	25
Frederick	34	35	52	58	65	55	59	70	62	64	75	64	693	-15%	88%	61
Garrett	14	18	19	17	16	17	14	17	14	16	14	11	187	-21%	-21%	16
Harford	61	85	112	87	82	99	109	103	122	89	114	89	1,152	-22%	46%	94
Howard	22	25	44	39	21	50	39	48	56	44	64	43	495	-33%	95%	44
Kent	5	6	12	8	6	11	5	7	11	8	13	2	94	-85%	-60%	8
Montgomery	105	118	212	200	207	222	244	207	269	173	298	212	2,467	-25%	102%	210
Prince George's	115	155	227	226	237	202	195	212	269	189	261	183	2,471	-30%	59%	207
Queen Anne's	5	4	4	8	4	8	6	6	5	12	9	12	83	33%	140%	6
St. Mary's	28	36	45	44	32	45	54	36	42	37	56	42	497	-25%	50%	42
Somerset	4	14	7	18	10	12	8	15	12	13	14	10	137	-29%	150%	12
Talbot	4	5	10	8	10	6	6	8	5	10	5	6	83	20%	50%	6
Washington	61	68	74	70	80	70	82	77	79	73	93	57	884	-39%	-7%	74
Wicomico	33	50	49	64	44	31	52	62	52	52	70	39	598	-44%	18%	51
Worcester	15	15	16	14	13	11	29	18	27	11	34	11	214	-68%	-27%	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,519</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>21,989</b>	<b>-27%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,853</b>

Source: MD CHESSE, through August 2013 = Business Objects RE861R; September 2013 and after = Business Objects RE862R

Note: The data in Appendix B was obtained from the Social Services Administration of the Maryland Department of Human Services, and can be found here: <http://dhr.maryland.gov/business-center/documents/> using the following path "Data and Reports" > "SSA" > "Monthly Child Welfare Data" > "SFY 2017" > "2017-06- Child Welfare Trends report.pdf".

**Appendix C**  
**Map of Maryland Child Advocacy Centers**



## **Appendix D**

### **CHAMP Faculty and Network Provider Guidelines**

#### ***CHAMP Faculty and Membership Requirements***

##### **CHAMP Faculty Credentials**

CHAMP faculty pediatricians shall:

- Be licensed to practice medicine in Maryland;
- Be board certified in child abuse pediatrics;
- Have at least five years of experience conducting child abuse evaluations; and
- Be currently active in child abuse medical evaluations in Maryland.

CHAMP faculty nurses shall:

- Be licensed as a registered nurse in Maryland;
- Be certified as a nurse practitioner or Registered Nurse - Forensic Nurse Examiner (RN-FNE) in Maryland;
- Have at least five years of experience conducting child abuse medical evaluations; and
- Be currently active in child abuse medical evaluations in Maryland.

##### **Maintenance of CHAMP Faculty Designation: :**

In order to maintain faculty designation, CHAMP faculty shall:

- Present on child abuse and neglect at 4-6 professional conferences/grand rounds throughout Maryland over the course of the contract (these trainings do not include CHAMP training sessions);
- Assist Child Advocacy Centers that are undergoing a transition period after a medical provider resigns by providing medical services or medical consultation; ;
- Assist the Department in recruitment activities;
- Participate in peer review calls, as requested; and
- Participate in quarterly CHAMP faculty meetings.

## ***CHAMP Network Provider Requirements***

### CHAMP Network Provider Credentials

CHAMP Network Providers shall:

- Be physicians board certified in their respective field and licensed in the state of Maryland OR certified nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or registered Nurse - Forensic Nurse Examiner (RN-FNE) licensed to practice in the state of Maryland;
- Complete a core training curriculum developed by the CHAMP faculty, with the following exemptions:
  - Completion of the core curriculum will be waived for pediatricians that are board certified in child abuse pediatrics; and
  - Providers who have significant prior experience in providing child abuse medical evaluations will be considered by the faculty for exemption from completion of the core curriculum on a case-by-case basis;
- If new to the field, agree to have all cases seen during the first two years of CHAMP membership reviewed by CHAMP faculty. Questions regarding what constitutes “new to the field” will be resolved together with faculty, and be approached on a case-by-case basis; and
- Be currently active in child abuse medical evaluations in Maryland.

### Maintenance of CHAMP Network Provider Designation

In order to maintain Network Provider designation, CHAMP Providers shall:

- Maintain required certification and licensure in Maryland;
- Evaluate at least six children under age 18 for maltreatment per year, three of which must be under age 13;
- Submit all cases with questionable findings or findings indicative of abuse to ProNet;
- Participate in eight hours of Continuing Medical Education/Continuing Education Units child maltreatment related training annually; and
- Submit required data quarterly.

## Appendix E

### CHAMP Faculty and Network Providers

<b>CHAMP Faculty</b>	<b>County Served</b>
<b>Howard Dubowitz, MD, MS</b>	Anne Arundel County
<b>Mitchell Goldstein, MD, MBA</b>	*Johns Hopkins Children's Center
<b>Pamela Holtzinger, RN, FNE-A/P</b>	Frederick County
<b>Scott Krugman, MD, MS</b>	*Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center
<b>Wendy Lane, MD, MPH</b>	Howard County
<b>Evelyn Shukat, MD</b>	Montgomery County

<b>CHAMP Network Providers</b>	<b>County Served</b>
<b>Steven Breslow, MD</b>	Cecil County
<b>Michelle Chudow, MD</b>	Baltimore County
<b>Paul Lomonico, MD</b>	Harford County
<b>Monet Ouwinga, MD</b>	Charles and Calvert counties
<b>Karla Paylor, MD</b>	Frederick County
<b>Stephanie Sisler, MD</b>	Garrett County
<b>Fredia Wadley, MD</b>	Talbot, Kent, Caroline, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's counties
<b>Jennifer Wehberg, MD</b>	Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester counties
<b>Debi Wolford, RN, FNE-A/P</b>	Allegany County

<b>Maryland Providers Not Currently Affiliated with CHAMP</b>	<b>County Served</b>
<b>Ruth Dwyer, MD</b>	Washington County
<b>Cynthia Roldan, MD</b>	*Carroll Hospital Center

\*Asterisk denotes providers who are affiliated with hospitals only, and do not provide services at a county child advocacy center.

## Appendix F

### Contracts and Services FY 2017

<b>Child Abuse Medical Providers (CHAMP) Contracts and Services</b>	
<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Services</b>
The Johns Hopkins University	This contract funds a board certified child abuse pediatrician to coordinate peer review and consultation for providers around the state who evaluate children who may have been abused. This includes coordinating monthly peer review calls and maintaining/troubleshooting the ProNet consultation system.
Chesapeake Health Education Program Inc.	This contract covers CME accreditation for up to 19 hours of child abuse medical training.
Frederick Memorial Hospital	This contract funds a consultant to facilitate four forensic nurse trainings, two adult and two pediatric. The trainings are conducted by an experienced Forensic Nurse Examiner who has completed an Adult/Pediatric Training Program aligned with requirements of the Maryland Board of Nursing.
Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center	This contract funds the development of a recruitment and transition plan for CHAMP providers. The consultant will develop a recruitment plan to find new providers in jurisdictions that do not have access to a CHAMP provider. The consultant will also provide services at child advocacy centers when necessary and assist in succession planning for providers nearing retirement.
University of Maryland Baltimore	This contract funds two board certified child abuse pediatricians to conduct four quarterly half-day CHAMP training sessions for physicians and FNEs who examine and evaluate children who may have been abused. The two pediatricians will also be responsible for teaching the 40+ hour CHAMP curriculum to providers new to this field.