

implementation of videoconferencing as a resource in certain investigations; requiring the workgroup to submit a certain report on or before a certain date to the General Assembly ~~regarding certain recommendations; and generally relating to the establishment of a Child Abuse and Neglect Centers of Excellence Initiative.~~

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 13-2101 through ~~13-2107~~ 13-2106, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 21. Child Abuse and Neglect Centers of Excellence Initiative”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5-712

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Health – General

SUBTITLE 21. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE.

13-2101.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “CENTER OF EXCELLENCE” MEANS A LOCAL OR REGIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES WITH THE EXPERTISE TO DIAGNOSE AND TREAT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

(C) “CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FACULTY” MEANS A CORE GROUP OF CLINICAL EXPERTS, ~~WHO ARE FACULTY MEMBERS FROM THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM, AND JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICAL INSTITUTES 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 ENTITY WITHIN OR OUTSIDE A HEALTH CARE FACILITY THAT DIAGNOSES AND TREATS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

(E) “INITIATIVE” MEANS THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE.