



**Child Maltreatment Task Force Report  
Cecil County Community Health Advisory Committee  
July 17, 2014**

**Darkness to Light Training**

- Sara Smith found a funding opportunity through the Health Department
- The funds were approved and we were able to schedule the Delaware YMCA to come to the Health Department to host a training
  - Held on June 4, 2014 (2-4 pm)
  - HD grant covered 50 persons tuition (\$10/person)
  - 45 persons were trained on how to identify child sexual abuse and how to report abuse
- A new online training module is available through December for free
  - At the next meeting we'll discuss potential public promotion of this free online training module
- YMCA of Delaware has asked us if there are Cecil County persons interested in facilitating the Darkness to Light training

**Child Maltreatment Plan (DSS)**

- In March, it was suggested that task force agencies take pieces of the plan, define the section, edit provided data (if needed), and connect identified best practices to the section
- In April, clarification was asked from DSS for expectations for usage of this report (due date for revisions?)
- In May, DSS confirmed that the plan needs updating and they will get back with us on next steps

**Strengthening Families (Judy Center)**

- Trained 30 persons to provide parenting and family activities to 10 families over a 14-week program
- Program will run in the 2014 – 2015 school year
- Locations:
  - Gilpin Manor Elementary School
  - Thomson Estates Elementary School
  - Holly Hall Elementary School
  - Charlestown Elementary School (beginning Jan., 2015)

The task force would like Kevin Urick to come and present on the law as it pertains to the court process for children that are victims of sexual abuse crimes.

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