



Baltimore Child Abuse Center

Self-Assessment: Is Your Camp Prepared?

Is your camp prepared to handle any issue relating to abuse or maltreatment that may arise? Below are the top 12 questions Baltimore Child Abuse Center recommends every camp be prepared to answer and have as part of their policy. How does your camp measure up?

How many children are on your campus at any given time?			
Does your camp ...	Yes	No	Comments/Questions
Have a process for dealing with disclosures of abuse (From child, from a staff member, from a 3 rd party...)?			
Have knowledge of your State policies on mandated reporting and child abuse laws?			
Educate/train staff on their roles and responsibilities with regards to reporting abuse?			
Educate/train staff on risks associated with working with children?			
Have knowledge of your State's consequences for failure to report?			
Have a procedure for communicating with parents when an allegation is made or a crisis occurs?			
Have a process for handling allegations and reports to protect confidentiality of the child or staff member?			
Conduct a background check on <u>all</u> staff (what about others who spend time at the organization)?			
Have a process for reporting abuse internally?			
Have a process for reporting abuse externally?			
Have a written plan and policy regarding child abuse that all staff and parents have reviewed?			