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Annual Report on Youth Camps for 2014

Dear Secretary Mitchell:

The Maryland Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council is a Governor-appointed board of camp professionals, public health experts, and concerned citizens.

In fulfillment of the Annotated Code of Maryland 14-404(c), we are writing to provide you with information regarding the number of youth camps, facilities, and campers in our state for the summer 2014. Please find the attached pages in support of this requirement.

In comparison to other states, the over 140,000 youth that attend Maryland camps each year are very fortunate that our state has excellent regulations and compliance inspections for its youth camps. It is crucial that our state's licensing requirements are met by the more than 600 state-licensed youth camps in Maryland. **Thank you for helping keep Maryland's youth safer by continuing to fully fund the seasonal inspectors and the Youth Camp Program.**

In support of this Council's defined purpose to "advise and assist the Department in developing and reviewing [youth camp] regulations," we recommend making available resources that will allow for online data collection, specifically, the license application and end of year reports submitted to the department by camps. The data is currently submitted to the department mail, fax or scanned copies that are emailed. We believe that the benefit of creating forms that can be filled online and entered directly into a database system is twofold. First it will significantly decrease time in collecting and analyzing data, and will make for more accurate data analysis, thus allowing the department and the Council to have a data-driven understanding of the injuries and illnesses occurring at our camps. This surveillance data will drive targeted and effective regulatory changes as well as improved education for camp operators - both of which will positively affect the safety of our children at camp.

The Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council supports the Department's initiative to gain better compliance with camps that currently operate without a license. The committee advocates for better education of the licensing process as well as stronger penalties for operating without a license. The department is in need of more resources to help identify unlicensed programs operating as camps.

Thank you again for your support for the health and safety of Maryland's Youth Camps and the children we serve.

Sincerely,



The Maryland Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council

CC: Governor Larry Hogan

Enc: Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council's report

County	Total Camps	Camps Reported	Total Campers	Day Camp	Day Campers	Residential Camp	Residential Campers	Travel Camp	Travel Campers	Trip Camp	Trip Campers	Res and Day Camps	Res and Day Campers	Gov. Operated Day	Gov. Operated Campers	Gov. Res Camp	Gov Res Campers	Gov Res Day Camp	Gov Res Day Campers	Self Reg Day Camp	
Allegany	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anne Arundel	61	55	4373	52	2268	2	133	0	0	0	0	4	1495	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Baltimore	120	92	1558	76	144	5	14	0	0	0	0	6	1400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Baltimore City	52	33	40	46	40	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvert	5	5	188	5	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caroline	4	3	203	1	63	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll	20	16	2452	13	2452	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cecil	16	15	77	9	77	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charles	21	21	397	14	311	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dorchester	5	3	28	3	28	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frederick	35	27	222	18	32	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Garrett	4	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harford	24	16	192	17	192	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Howard	47	37	5200	46	5200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
In State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	12	11	1570	2	133	8	1322	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	115	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	142	133	12314	133	10003	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Prince Georges	55	46	1511	53	1271	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Queen Annes	5	4	1170	2	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Saint Marys	6	6	1045	5	1045	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Somerset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Talbot	7	5	56	7	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	21	15	0	15	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wicomico	11	7	313	9	313	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worcester	5	4	140	5	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	680	558	33049	534	24020	60	1469	0	0	1	0	25	4331	4	115	0	0	0	0	0	56

Self Reg Day Campers	Self Reg Res Camp	Self Reg Res Campers	Self Reg Res Day Camp	Self Reg Res Day Campers
0	0	0	0	0
477	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
86	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
2311	0	0	0	0
240	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
3114	0	0	0	0