



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Administrators and Youth Care Practitioners

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

4201 Patterson Ave, Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor – Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor – Van T. Mitchell, Secretary

May 17, 2016

The Honorable Joan Carter Conway
Chair, Senate Education, Health, & Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West Miller Senate Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Peter A. Hammen
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee
241 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: State Government Article §8-403 – Chapter 350 (2012) – State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

Dear Chairperson Conway and Chairperson Hammen:

Pursuant to State Government Article §8-403, the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals (the Board) submits this report to “update both committees on the Board’s progress in implementing the certification of residential child and youth care practitioners.

To date the Board has received 1,200 applications for residential child and youth care practitioners. The Board has implemented the training and testing programs that were developed by the Institute for Innovation and Implementation at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. Since October 1, 2015 the Board has certified 551 residential child and youth care practitioners.

Thank you for the opportunity to update you on the Board’s progress with regards to this project. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 410-764-5911.

Sincerely,

James T. Merrow
Executive Director

Joint Chair Report State Government Article §8–403, Chapter 350 (2012) the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals

CC: The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, President of the Senate
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