New York State Citizen Review Panels for Child Protective Services 2007 ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS Support for CHAMP

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS AND MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS

Continue financial support for Child Advocacy Centers (CAC), Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT), and the Child Abuse Medical Provider (CHAMP) network.

Continued financial support for these specialized centers and teams is needed in order to continue best practices, build forensic interview skills, and implement train-thetrainer models to achieve sustainability. The CHAMP program provides important training, mentoring, and a support network for physicians to help improve access to skilled care so that every child suspected of being sexually abused can receive a specialized medical examination and treatment. The training provided by CHAMP falls outside the standard medical school curriculum and pediatric practice experience. The panels fully support Child Advocacy Centers, Multi-Disciplinary Teams and CHAMP.

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