

The Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks choose to create their own quality and safety driven Camp Standards which are approved for our implementation by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene(DHMH). Each year the department updates their camp implementation standards which are focused strongly on safety of the youth supervised. The standard categories include such areas as Personnel Management, Facility and Site Locations, Health and Safety, Record Keeping, and Food Service. During the summer months, several internal audits of camps by the department's Management Team are conducted. The State Office of Childcare and DHMH also conduct onsite visits. The department also implements a very detailed customer service standards initiative. All of our summer camps are Camp Certified through Self Regulations by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or Licensed by the Department of Education's Office of Child Care for Licensed camps. For additional information on this topic please contact 410-313-4640.