

Maryland State Report

I will report Holly Center, under governor Hogan, has actually allowed a few new admissions. We are holding the line at 4 operational cottages out of 9. The current census is approx. 50 from a high of 205. The families, staff and residents do have a better sense of security. The governor has allocated new capital to update the facilities but also to repurpose cottages that have not been closed. I would personally imagine the census could creep up to about at least 60 if we are lucky... The need is there, we just have to overcome the bias against facilities. MD DDA is still a road block and Holly Center is the choice of last, last, last resort. DDA does not promote respite the way they should be – I have heard that from the staff. They are petrified a satisfied respite family will ask for a permanent placement. Anyway, we have a foothold at Holly Center for now...

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