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Allegations of Misconduct at Tree House CAC of Montgomery County

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of a report, [Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, MD - OIG Publication #OIG-21-007](#), detailing the results of an investigation into allegations that the management of Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County (Tree House), among other things, misstated information in order to obtain funding and continued support from the Montgomery County Council.

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) specifically examined whether Tree House management made materially false statements or representations to the County to influence the awarding of grants; whether Tree House employees followed established requirements for conducting background checks; and whether three complainants were fired in connection with their cooperation with the OIG.

The OIG discovered that Tree House presented incorrect data in their 2019 Annual Report but was not able to substantiate claims that false information was presented in order to influence prospective donors or the County's decision to extend contracts or grants. The OIG also noted issues with Tree House's compliance with contract terms related to background checks. Lastly, the OIG was not able to substantiate allegations that Tree House staff was fired for cooperating with the OIG.

The full [report](#) can be found at the following location:
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oig/igproduct.html>.

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