

✓ CHECKLIST TO DEVELOP A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM



Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) have an overarching goal of developing a coordinated system to respond to child abuse and neglect cases. A MDT has a criminal focus, protocols for agency collaboration.

ASSEMBLE THE TEAM

- ☐ Law enforcement
- ☐ Child Protective Services and Indian Child Welfare (ICW)
- ☐ Prosecution
- ☐ Medical Professionals
- ☐ Victim Advocacy/Assistance
- ☐ Child Advocate
- ☐ Juvenile Mental Health Services
- ☐ U.S. Attorney
- ☐ Survivor
- ☐ Victim Witness Coordinator
- ☐ Others: _____

CREATE A VISION STATEMENT

- ☐ Long-term view of where the team wants the tribal community to be on the issue
- ☐ Team's expression of hope and optimism
- ☐ Inspire others
- ☐ Not always achievable in our lifetime

CREATE A MISSION STATEMENT

- ☐ Who is a part of the team?
- ☐ What are the team values?
- ☐ Who does the team serve?
- ☐ Why does the team serve?

ESTABLISH GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ☐ Goals should be broad general statements of what you want to accomplish
- ☐ Objectives should be steps the team will take to achieve the goals
- ☐ SMART
 - Specific
 - Measurable
 - Achievable
 - Relevant
 - Timely

ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROTECTING VICTIM INFORMATION

- ☐ Have a legal review of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between team agencies.
- ☐ Research whether the tribe has a statute protecting the work product and conversations of the team with a privilege.
- ☐ If there is no tribal statute currently available, seek to obtain such a statute.

COMPARE THE TEAMS

TYPE OF TEAM	ISSUE ADDRESSED	MEMBERS	TASK
Child Protection Team CPT	Civil Child Abuse and Neglect	Law Enforcement, Social Services/Indian Child Welfare Child Protective Services, Mental Health or Behavioral Health, Judicial Services, Medical/Nursing, Child Development Programs State or County Social Services, U.S. Attorney Office	Creating and maintaining the protocols/policies agencies should follow to address child civil abuse and neglect in a tribal community
Multi disciplinary team MDT	Criminal Child Sexual Assault/Child Abuse and Neglect	Law Enforcement, Child Protection, Prosecution, Medical Professionals, Victim Advocacy/Assistance, Juvenile Mental Health Services, Domestic violence advocates, Child Advocacy Center	Coordinating the investigation, prosecution, and disposition of child sexual abuse and criminal child abuse and neglect cases
Coordinated Community Response Team CCR	Domestic Violence	Law enforcement including dispatcher, jail, advocacy, probation, courts, prosecution, batterer program	Sharing information, creating policy to maximize victim safety and offender accountability on domestic violence cases.
Sexual Assault Response Team SART	Sexual Assault	Law enforcement, advocacy, forensic examiner/s, prosecutor's office (tribal, state, federal), hospital/clinic staff	Providing specialized immediate victim centered response to victims of recent sexual assault.