



Series: 100: Case Management
Policy Name: **Child Protection Team and the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program**
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Policy: It is the policy of Communities Connected for Kids to work collaboratively with community resources to meet the needs of the foster care population. This is especially true with respect to roles and activities of the child protection teams in response to reports of child abuse and neglect and in coordination with the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program (SATP), authorized by 415.5095FS. To ensure this policy is carried out, the following procedure is in effect.

Procedure:

General Information

1. Child Protection Teams (CPT) are medically focused, multidisciplinary teams available to support investigating agencies, and community-based care projects in assessment activities involving reports of child abuse and neglect. The target group for whom team assessment are most appropriate are physically abused children (particularly those under age 5) and sexually abused children.
2. CPT receives referrals from the Investigating Agency. CPT may also be contacted by another source such as law enforcement or a hospital.
3. CPT verifies that an abuse report has been made and then works in tandem with the investigator throughout the investigative phase.
4. CPT will perform assessment activities including but not limited to, medical diagnosis and evaluation, medical consultation, other consultation, specialized interviewing of children, family psychosocial assessment, nursing assessment, psychological and psychiatric evaluation, and other specialized assessments.
5. CPT will also participate in multidisciplinary and multi-agency staffings, provide expert professional testimony in court cases, and (as requested by the project) train staff in handling child abuse and neglect cases.
6. Positive medical findings are verbally shared within 24 hours with the investigator and law enforcement, with findings/results also shared with the Network Provider team and the Lead Agency management staff as appropriate.
7. A summary report is also created by CPT, with reporting shared with the DCM and Communities Connected for Kids.



Sexual Abuse Treatment Programs

1. The Sexual Abuse Treatment Program is a service available to children and families identified during the team assessment process as needing sexual abuse treatment services.
2. Child victims reported to the Abuse Hotline for suspected sexual abuse or neglect by an adult caretaker are eligible for services, provided that the Investigating Agency finds there is some indication of sexual abuse or the abuse is verified.
3. Family members eligible for services include the non-offending adult caregiver, the offending caretaker, and non-victim siblings. The foster parent and natural parents may also receive services.
4. Referrals to the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program will come from the DCM and with the Child Protection Team.
5. The DCM will remain in ongoing communication with the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program regarding child and family progress.
6. The Sexual Abuse Treatment Program will provide written updates of treatment and shall attend court hearing as requested by the DCM.

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