

Sample “Goals”

The goals of the team are to maximize the protection of children and community safety by maximizing interagency cooperation through valuing the expertise of each discipline and improving the investigation of the abused/neglected children; the treatment of the victim, family members, and, where appropriate, the offender; and the prosecution of the offender.

The goals of this agreement include:

- (i) Strengthen the ties between each school district, community mental health center and social and rehabilitation services office.
- (ii) Enhance availability of student counseling and instructional programs through increased agency collaboration.
- (iii) Provide interagency awareness/development activities that will increase the knowledge and skills of direct service providers in meeting the needs of the community.
- (iv) Develop a complete model for interagency collaboration. Focus efforts on each component of the model, i.e. tie in mental health/education liaison position as county coordinator to complete the model.

The goal of the Team is to coordinate efforts and expertise among the various agencies to facilitate and improve the investigation of child sexual abuse cases, the treatment of the victim, family members, and, where appropriate, the offender; and the prosecution of the offender. To that end, the Team members seek to:

- Implement the most effective procedures for the investigation and prosecution of these cases.
- Minimize the impact to the child.
- Coordinate treatment efforts with the child, non-offending family members and the offender.
- In those cases where the conviction is sought, obtain a conviction of the offender at the same time seeking to maximize monitoring of the offender and minimize the possible re-molestation of the child.
- Obtain any required restitution or support from the offender.

It is the goal of the Multidisciplinary Team to assist the Child Protective Service Worker with identifying abused and neglected children , to assist in coordinating medical, social, and legal services for the children and their families, and finally, to help promote a community awareness and concern in the area of child abuse and neglect.

To prosecute more cases.

- To coordinate services.
- To share information.
- To share agency resources.
- To brainstorm how to handle a particular case.
- To promote better cooperation among agencies.
- To demonstrate unity among agencies for victims and families.
- To provide public education.
- To educate other professionals.
- To facilitate better understanding that no one agency can, working alone, adequately protect children and help abusers.

To develop written protocols that identify agency roles, responsibilities, and tasks.

Objectives

- (i) To share existing policies and copies of mandated reporting laws and regulations.
- (ii) Review existing protocols to determine any needed changes and develop a joint protocol to address functions and interactions of agencies.

To improve skills and abilities of team members.

Objectives

- (i) To determine training needs for each agency.
- (ii) To identify internal and external resources.
- (iii) To identify and attend training programs.
- (iv) To provide in-service training for task force participants and other community agencies.

To secure medical support.

Objectives

- (i) To send a letter with information on the Team name and on child sexual abuse to the medical community.

- (ii) To further develop medical resources through personal contact with physicians and/or through a physician's presentation of issues and needs related to child sexual abuse at a local medical society meeting.
- (iii) To review, modify, and establish procedures for accessing medical services.
- (iii) To obtain training for area medical personnel in child sexual abuse and related medical support.

To identify and obtain needed additional support and services.

Objectives

- (i) To identify gaps in related services.
- (ii) To develop a mental health "wish list."

To improve public education and relations.

Objectives

- (i) To identify vehicles and develop a plan to improve public perception and awareness of child protective services.
- (ii) To establish a speakers' bureau comprised of all agencies.

To ensure adequate preparation of child for court.

Objectives

- (i) To familiarize child with court procedures, court room, and key court hearing personnel (Commonwealth's Attorney, Judge, Social Worker, Sheriff's Deputies, etc..)

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- Enhance interagency working relationships between supervisors or agencies which are parties to this agreement.
- Enhance working relationships between direct service providers in agencies which are parties to this agreement.
- Promote development of new financial resources.
- Develop a collaborative delivery system, when possible to met the needs of child, family, and community.