While it is necessary to pursue the prosecution of the offender, it is important that the foremost concern of intervention in child sexual abuse cases remain the protection of the child. Prosecution is and integral part of the intervention process. However, it is important not to lose sight of the needs of the victim throughout the process from the time the incident is reported, to the time of adjudication and even following the completion of the court process. Prosecution is very important in helping the victim feel the support of the community and that the community feels the perpetrator did something wrong.

The mission of the \_\_\_\_\_ County Multidiscplinary Child Protection Team shall be to offer advice and consultation to the Department of Social Services, the Court System, law enforcement, the health community, and the school system regarding children alleged to be in the need of care by reason of physical, mental, or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse.

Parties to this agreement espouse interagency communication, cooperation, and collaboration as the guiding tenets to encourage, promote, and establish improved delivery, educational attainment, and child-family wellness and independence. As a result, a singular approach to meeting the needs of children and families within the community is unsatisfactory. The aim of this agreement is to speak to the needs of the child and family in an effective, efficient, and caring manner through the service delivery system.

Maximize the protection of children and community safety by maximizing interagency cooperation through valuing the expertise of each discipline.