

WORKING DRAFT

_____ **County Multidisciplinary Child Information Team
Interagency Agreement**

I. Statement of Purpose

The _____ County Multidisciplinary Child Information Team (MDT) seeks to protect children from abuse and neglect, including criminal abuse, by coordinating efforts in the areas of criminal investigation, social services, pediatric medicine, mental health treatment and victim services.

The member agencies have established the MDT pursuant to M.C.A. § 52-2-211.

II. Member Agencies

The MDT member agencies include

III. Understandings

The undersigned have primary decision-making authority for the agencies we represent and are pledging our renewed commitment to the _____ County MDT and children's advocacy center by supporting the participation of staff to fully participate on the team.

IV. Operational Policies

A. Referrals

1. Referrals to the MDT may only be made by law enforcement or child protective services.
2. Once a referral has been made, the coordinator will contact the team and work with the appropriate team members to schedule an interview and coordinate a required subsequent team meeting.

B. Meetings

1. The MDT will convene at least one general business meeting each month in order to identify upcoming training opportunities and advance the work of the MDT
2. The MDT will hold weekly meetings when necessary to staff specific child protection cases.

C. Coordinator

1. Selection Process

The MDT member agencies will select a Coordinator.

2. Meeting Facilitation

The Coordinator shall be responsible for organizing group meetings and disseminating information about upcoming training opportunities.

D. Inter-team coordination

1. The MDT will coordinate its efforts with any other “child protective team,” under M.C.A. § 41-3-108, or “youth placement committee,” under M.C.A. § 41-5-121, within the County.
2. The MDT will inquire within the team as to whether any member is also a member of another child protective team or youth placement committee.
3. Once another team or committee has been identified, the MDT will seek to enter into a coordination agreement with that team or committee.

V. Confidentiality and Information Management

All member agencies agree to safeguard the confidentiality of all information shared during case staffing meetings. Information discussed during MDT meetings may only be shared within member agencies when necessary to ensure the protection of a child. Member agencies are prohibited from revealing any information discussed during a team meeting with any person outside of the team. If any information is shared in writing, it will be prominently labeled as confidential. At the beginning of every meeting, if feasible, all attendees will sign a brief confidentiality agreement.

VI. Auxiliary Team Policy

The members of the team or their designees may form one or more auxiliary teams for the purpose of providing service to a single child, a group of children, or children with a particular type of problem or for any other purpose, as provided by M.C.A. § 52-2-211(3).

VII. Training Opportunities

The MDT will identify multidisciplinary training opportunities aimed at enhancing cooperation among the member agencies and developing the appropriate skills within each agency.

VIII. Term of Service

This agreement shall enter into force once it has been signed by all participating agencies and shall be reviewed annually

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