

Child and Family Services Policy Manual: Reference Information Child Protective Team

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Use of interdisciplinary child protection teams is strongly recommended because they assist in assessing the needs of the family, formulating and monitoring a treatment plan and coordinating services for the family.

Child Protective Teams are formed as needed in any particular county. The Teams may be either temporary or permanent. The county attorney, county commissioners, guardian ad litem, or the Department may convene a Child Protective Team at any time. When a Team is convened, the supervisor of the service area, or his/her designee, acts as the Team's coordinator.

The Team membership must include:

- child protection specialist;
- member of a local law enforcement agency;
- county attorney, or designee;
- representative of the medical professional;
- a representative of a public school system; and
- in the case of an Indian child to be reviewed, someone knowledgeable about Indian culture and family matters, preferably an Indian person.

Other members may include mental health professionals, the child's attorney, and/or the child's Court Appointed Special Advocate.

Reference

Mont. Code Ann. § 41-3-108.