



CPT: Developing a Mission Statement




What is a CPT?

- A CPT has the responsibility to insure that children who are victims of child abuse and neglect are protected from additional maltreatment.
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What is a MDT?

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- A Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) is quite different than a CPT. An MDT is a prosecution based team, focusing on child abuse and neglect cases involved in the legal/judicial system.





Team Participants

- Indian Child Welfare
- Law enforcement – Tribal, BIA, FBI, state
- Pediatrician/physician/nurse
- Victim advocate
- Social services – Tribal, BIA, state
- Mental health/behavioral health
- Substance abuse personnel
- Criminal investigator



Mission Statement

- A general declaration of the purpose, scope of activities and the guiding principles of the team.
 - It should be short and clearly describe the reason the team was formed and the purpose it will serve.
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Mission Statement

- When writing a Mission Statement you should consider:
 - ▶ Why was the team formed?
 - ▶ Who is on the team?
 - ▶ What jurisdiction will the team serve?
 - ▶ What types of cases will the team address?
 - ▶ What other functions will the team perform?
 - ▶ What challenges will the team face?
 - ▶ How will the team meet those challenges?

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Mission Statement

- Your Mission Statement should:
 - Express your team's purpose,
 - Motivate those who are connected to the team,
 - Be articulated in a way that is convincing and easy to grasp,
 - Use proactive verbs to describe what your team does,
 - Be free of jargon, and
 - Be short enough that everyone can easily repeat it.
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CPT Protocol

- A protocol...
 - ▶ is a written document detailing the role and responsibility of each agency involved with the CPT.
 - ▶ is a practical working document and serves as a reference when questions or disputes arise.
 - ▶ can reduce conflict because there is a shared understanding of responsibilities.
 - ▶ shows mutual commitment by all agencies when signed.



Tasks of a CPT

- Advocacy
- Case review/determination
- Determination of services
- Provide training and technical assistance to CPS
- Provide feedback on progress of each case