

BIA and IHS Memorandum of Agreement of 1987





Purpose for MOU

- Establishing CPTs,
- Mandatory reporting and referral procedures,
- Interagency coordination,
- Maximize existing services,
- Minimum standards for federal employees, and,
- Serve as guidelines for tribal contractors.





CPTs are...

- Technical and advisory in nature,
 - Designed to promote cooperation, communication and consistency among agencies,
 - Intended to facilitate the identification of danger signs which will promote immediate intervention and/or prevention actions to be taken.
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Mandatory Reporting

- All IHS and Bureau and Tribal contract employees shall report any known instances of child abuse and/or neglect to the designated law enforcement and/or social services staff in their respective communities.
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Timeframe for Investigation

- All child abuse and neglect investigations referred to the BIA shall:
 - Be initiated within 24 hours of referral
 - Be jointly referred to the Division of Law Enforcement and the Division of Social Services
- Primary responsibility will be assigned to one of the offices with concurrence of the Superintendent



Timeframe for Investigation

- Within 72 hours of initiating an investigation, the investigating LEO or SSW should review their findings with the other Division and/or the CPT
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CPTs

- Should be cooperatively established with BIA and IHS
- Are to be a joint effort, and where feasible, various state/county or tribal programs should be encouraged to participate
- Should be established at both Area and Agency/Service Units



Area CPTs

Each Area CPT should be composed of:

BIA	IHS
Director of Social Services	Director of Social Services
Law Enforcement	Maternal & Child Health Consultant
Judicial Services	Mental Health Consultant
Education	Community Health Nurse
Tribal	Other
Tribal Social Services or Health Programs	State Social Services





Duties Shall Include:

- Providing General Oversight
 - ▶ Hold quarterly meetings to review activities and assess need of local CPTs
 - ▶ Review local CPT plans for adequacy and suggest improvements
 - ▶ Monitor local CPT activities to determine if appropriate, timely, efficient and effective
 - ▶ Collect data from local CPT to submit to national policy group
 - ▶ Develop annual report to national policy group
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Duties Shall Include:

- Facilitating Local CPTs
 - ▶ Recommend appropriate corrective actions to local CPTs based on identified needs and weaknesses
 - ▶ Assist local CPTs in obtaining resources
 - ▶ Coordinate activities with national and regional resources, programs and professionals
 - ▶ Communicate changes in national policy to local CPTs
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Duties Shall Include:

- Providing Technical Assistance
 - Develop Area policies for local CPTs
 - Identify effective CPT models and assist in adapting
 - Identify training needs and provide training resources
 - Provide expertise and skills to local CPTs
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Local CPTs

- Each local CPT should be composed of, but not limited to:

BIA	IHS
Director of Social Services	Director of Social Services
Law Enforcement	Maternal Health Rep and/or Physician
Judicial Services	Community Health Nurse
Education	
Tribal	Other
Tribal Judicial Services	State/County Social Services
Tribal Education	
Tribal Police	
Tribal Social Services	



Local CPT Duties Shall Include:

- Providing oversight
 - Monitor activities to ensure adequate prevention, protective and corrective services are provided
 - Review and track all referred cases
 - Investigate cases
 - Review case plans
 - Maintain confidentiality
 - Send local data to Area CPT




Local CPT Duties Shall Include:

- Facilitating provision of services
 - ▶ Receive referrals and assign case managers to track cases
 - ▶ ID available resources, programs, services
 - ▶ Provide recommendations to agencies
 - ▶ Promote cooperation, communication and consistency
 - ▶ Respond to inquiries from community, Area CPT, and other individuals and groups



Local CPT Duties Shall Include:

- Providing technical assistance
 - ▶ Develop procedures to provide effective and efficient services
 - ▶ Develop standards for investigation
 - ▶ Provide information and recommendations for decision-making
 - ▶ Educate communities about problems and solutions
 - ▶ Develop and implement a plan to specify the involvement of all CPT members
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