

The Process of Case Review for MDTs

In order to make informed case decisions and improve client outcomes, essential information and professional expertise are required from all disciplines. This means that decisions are made with as much information as available; interventions are made with the input, discussion, and support of all involved professionals; efforts are coordinated and non-duplicative; and all aspects of the case are covered. The process should ensure that no one discipline dominates the discussion, but rather all team members have a chance to adequately address their specific goals, mandates, case interventions, questions, concerns and outcomes.

The case review process should:

- + Review interview outcomes**
- + Discuss, plan, and monitor the progress of the investigation**
- + Review medical evaluations**
- + Discuss child protection and other safety issues**
- + Provide input for prosecution and sentencing decisions**
- + Discuss emotional support and treatment needs of the child and family members as well as strategies for meeting those needs**
- + Assess the family's reactions and response to the child's disclosure and involvement in the criminal justice and/or child protection systems**
- + Review criminal and civil (dependency) case updates, ongoing involvement of the child and family, and disposition**
- + Make provisions for court education and court support**
- + Discuss ongoing cultural and special needs issues relevant to the case**
- + Ensure that all children and families are afforded the legal rights and comprehensive services to which they are entitled.**



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