THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER/ MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM MODEL

THERE IS A CONCERN ABUSE MAY HAVE OCCURRED
In Oregon, local law enforcement agencies and the Department of Human Services (DHS) are responsible for investigating the concern of abuse.

Law Enforcement
- The role of law enforcement is public safety.
- If not criminal in nature, law enforcement may not take action.

Mandatory Cross Report Between Law Enforcement and DHS

Department of Human Services
- The role of DHS is to ensure that a child’s home is safe.
- If the family/caretaker is not the alleged abuser, DHS may not take action.

CHILD IS BROUGHT TO CHILD ABUSE INTERVENTION CENTER
- Provides Family Support Services
- Forensic Interview
- Medical Exam and Treatment
- Mental Health Treatment and/or Referral
- Coordination of Other Services

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) CASE REVIEW
Members of a MDT review the case. MDTs improve coordination and communication between personnel involved in a case. MDT includes: law enforcement, DHS workers, school officials, health department, medical and mental health providers, CAC professionals, Juvenile Department, family support/advocate, and others specially trained in child abuse intervention.

Case presented to a District Attorney
- Suspect Charged or Case Not Filed

Child & family receive mental health services.
- The family advocate assesses critical resources to provide support as the case moves through the justice system.

Case Opened For Services or Case Closed

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