

# 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.

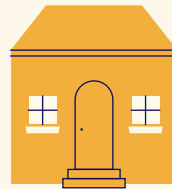
Mandatory Cross Report  
Between Law Enforcement  
and DHS

### 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