

### **IC 31-33-3**

#### **Chapter 3. Community Child Protection Team**

### **IC 31-33-3-1**

#### **Community child protection team established; members**

Sec. 1. (a) A community child protection team is established in each county. The community child protection team is a countywide, multidisciplinary child protection team. The team must include the following thirteen (13) members who reside in, or provide services to residents of, the county in which the team is to be formed:

- (1) The director of the local office that provides child welfare services in the county or the local office director's designee.
- (2) Two (2) designees of the juvenile court judge.
- (3) The county prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting attorney's designee.
- (4) The county sheriff or the sheriff's designee.
- (5) Either:
  - (A) the president of the county executive in a county not containing a consolidated city or the president's designee; or
  - (B) the executive of a consolidated city in a county containing a consolidated city or the executive's designee.
- (6) A director of a court appointed special advocate or guardian ad litem program or the director's designee in the county in which the team is to be formed.
- (7) Either:
  - (A) a public school superintendent or the superintendent's designee; or
  - (B) a director of a local special education cooperative or the director's designee.
- (8) Two (2) persons, each of whom is a physician or nurse, with experience in pediatrics or family practice.
- (9) Two (2) residents of the county.
- (10) The chief law enforcement officer of the largest law enforcement agency in the county (other than the county sheriff) or the chief law enforcement officer's designee.

(b) The director of the local office serving the county shall appoint, subject to the approval of the director of the department, the members of the team under subsection (a)(7), (a)(8), and (a)(9).

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.234-2005, SEC.102; P.L.146-2008, SEC.574.*

### **IC 31-33-3-2**

#### **Election of team coordinator**

Sec. 2. The team shall elect a team coordinator from the team's membership.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16.*

### **IC 31-33-3-3**

#### **Duties of team coordinator**

Sec. 3. The team coordinator shall supply the community child

protection team with the following:

- (1) Copies of reports of child abuse or neglect under IC 31-33-7-1.
- (2) Any other information or reports that the coordinator considers essential to the team's deliberations.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16.*

#### **IC 31-33-3-4**

##### **Meetings; agenda**

Sec. 4. (a) The community child protection team shall meet:

- (1) at least one (1) time each month; or
- (2) at the times that the team's services are needed by the department.

(b) Meetings of the team shall be called by the majority vote of the members of the team.

(c) The team coordinator or at least two (2) other members of the team may determine the agenda.

(d) Notwithstanding IC 5-14-1.5, meetings of the team are open only to persons authorized to receive information under this article.  
*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.234-2005, SEC.103.*

#### **IC 31-33-3-5**

##### **Recommendation to the department of child services**

Sec. 5. The community child protection team may recommend to the department that a petition be filed in the juvenile court on behalf of the subject child if the team believes this would best serve the interests of the child.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.234-2005, SEC.104; P.L.162-2011, SEC.43.*

#### **IC 31-33-3-6**

##### **Review of child abuse and neglect cases and complaints**

Sec. 6. The community child protection team may receive and review:

- (1) any case that the department has been involved in within the county where the team presides; and
- (2) complaints regarding child abuse and neglect cases that are brought to the team by a person or an agency.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.234-2005, SEC.105.*

#### **IC 31-33-3-7**

##### **Periodic reports**

Sec. 7. (a) The community child protection team shall prepare a periodic report regarding the child abuse and neglect reports and complaints that the team reviews under this chapter.

(b) The periodic report may include the following information:

- (1) The number of complaints under section 6 of this chapter that the team receives and reviews each month.

(2) A description of the child abuse and neglect reports that the team reviews each month, including the following information:

(A) The scope and manner of the interviewing process during the child abuse or neglect assessment.

(B) The timeliness of the assessment.

(C) The number of children removed from the home.

(D) The types of services offered.

(E) The number of child abuse and neglect cases filed with a court.

(F) The reasons that certain child abuse and neglect cases are not filed with a court.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.146-2008, SEC.575; P.L.131-2009, SEC.39.*

### **IC 31-33-3-8**

#### **Confidentiality of matters reviewed**

Sec. 8. The members of the community child protection team are bound by all applicable laws regarding the confidentiality of matters reviewed by the team.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16.*