

PROTOCOL DISSEMINATION, TRAINING, AND REVIEW

Agencies are encouraged to adopt policies in accordance with the principles set forth in this document. Each agency's policy will control its response to child abuse and neglect.

Protocol Dissemination

Each agency should make a copy of this protocol readily available to all individuals who take part in child abuse reporting, treatment, case management, investigation, or prosecution.

Protocol and General Training

Training is crucial to improving the child abuse system in Los Angeles County. Every agency which takes part in child abuse reporting, treatment, case management, investigation, prosecution, or which otherwise deals with child abuse should develop and implement intra-agency training on this protocol. Such training should involve a thorough review of the policies and principles set forth in this document. Protocol training should be incorporated both into training for new professionals working in the child abuse arena as well as into continuing education training as appropriate for each discipline.

Protocol training should encompass not only training on the protocol document itself, but also training on the roles and responsibilities of the particular agency or discipline. Additionally, multi-disciplinary training should be developed and implemented for attendees from different agencies and disciplines who work together on child abuse cases.

Protocol Review

This protocol is intended to be a working document and should be amended to implement necessary changes that arise over time. A Protocol Review Committee should be formed with representatives from each agency to review the protocol bi-annually, evaluate suggestions for changes, and revise the protocol as appropriate.