

Case review

Case review is a formal process which enables the multidisciplinary team (MDT) to monitor and assess its effectiveness, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and families. During this process, the knowledge, experience and expertise of MDT members is shared so that informed decisions can be made, collaborative efforts are nurtured, formal and informal communication is promoted, mutual support is provided and protocols/procedures are reviewed.

- Case review happens at the Dakota Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) at 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month.
- Selected cases seen at the DCAC from the prior month are reviewed, unless otherwise determined by the team. Team members may request additional cases to be reviewed by contacting the DCAC forensic interviewer or the DCAC coordinator.
- A case that involves some urgency may be scheduled as needed and case specific team meetings may be arranged at the request of any team member.
- The review team consists of a core team and team members directly involved in each child's case and/or a representative from their agency who has specific knowledge of the case.
- Case review discussions include:
 - Interview outcomes
 - Child protection/safety issues
 - Investigation/prosecution progress
 - Clinical concerns
 - Medical issues
 - Cultural concerns

- Members are informed of the cases to be reviewed prior to the case review.



- The recommendations of the team will be communicated to the appropriate parties for consideration and implementation.
- The DCAC will participate in Tribal/federal case review when scheduled. Tribal/federal case review will be run and coordinated out of the US Attorney's Office and will follow their guidelines.
- All information received during the case review process is confidential and can only be used for the purposes of the case.



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