

TITLE 78 - NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CHAPTER 9 - MULTIJURISDICTIONAL CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIVE AND TREATMENT TEAMS

001 Purpose - The Legislature has enacted L. B. 1184 concerning the investigation of child abuse and neglect and the treatment of victims of such abuse and neglect. The bill requires county attorneys to establish in each county multijurisdictional investigative and treatment teams to carry out the purposes of the act. This legislation requires each team to be appointed as soon as practicable after July 15, 1992. The act also contains a provision which permits counties or contiguous groups of counties to opt out of the act if said counties or groups of contiguous counties meet certain conditions and seek approval of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Commission). The purpose of this regulation is to establish rules for those jurisdictions who elect not to create the teams required by the act.

002 Procedure -

- A. Any county or contiguous group of counties may elect not to establish a investigative or treatment team under L. B. 1184. If said county or contiguous group of counties decide not to comply with the sections of the act requiring said team or teams, the county attorney must notify the Executive Director of Commission of its intent in writing by January 1, 1993. By July 15, 1993, the county attorney of said county or contiguous group of counties must submit in writing to the Executive Director an alternative proposal. This proposal must set forth the program said county or counties propose to establish to meet the child abuse and neglect investigation and treatment services required to meet the goals of the act.

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- B. The Commission will review each proposal and either approve it or make recommendations for changes. Any changes recommended by the Commission must be adopted by the counties within the time permitted by the Commission.

003 Goals of Alternative Proposal

- A. Each proposal submitted under Section II above must state precisely and fairly how the county or contiguous group of counties will meet the goals set out in Paragraph B and C below through their alternative program. To the extent possible, any proposal submitted to the Commission as an alternative to the team concept shall include a fair cross section of those people from the area who have as their function any aspects of the investigation or treatment of child abuse or neglect.
- B. Goals of Investigative Functions:
1. Develop investigative protocols to be followed by law enforcement and the Department of Social Services (DSS).
 2. Develop protocols for joint investigations by law enforcement and DSS.
 3. Ensure that all law enforcement agencies participate in investigating child abuse and neglect.
 4. Reduce the risk of harm to child abuse and neglect victims.
 5. Ensure that law enforcement, DSS and all other agencies having information concerning child abuse and neglect share said information on a timely basis.

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C. Goals of Treatment Function:

1. Coordinate treatment services and assistance, including the name and location of services available in the area.
2. Develop a method of staffing, coordinating, development and monitoring of treatment plans for the victims of child abuse and neglect.
3. Develop a method to reduce the risk of harm to child abuse and neglect victims.
4. Develop a method to assist said victims who are abused or neglected by perpetrators who do not reside in their homes.

004 Reporting - The County Attorney shall submit a roster with the name and address of each team member to the Commission by August 1, 1993 and each year thereafter. If more than one county is part of a team, the participating county attorneys shall jointly submit a roster with the name and address of each team member to the Commission by August 1, 1993 and by August 1 of each year thereafter. In addition, each team shall submit a report to the Commission by August 1 of each year reporting the number of times the team met within a calendar year and any changes in team membership.

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005 Noncompliance - The rosters and reports referred to in Section 004 will be kept on file at the Commission office. The Executive Director will make the initial determination with respect to any noncompliance, which determination shall be reviewed by the Commission before notice of noncompliance is sent to any county attorney or team. The Commission shall cause a Notice of Noncompliance to be sent to each county attorney or team by certified mail directed to the last known address as indicated on records maintained in the Commission office. Such notice will advise the county attorney or team of the existence and nature of such noncompliance and a copy of the notice shall be sent to the Child Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

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