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Policy

It is the policy of Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc. (BBCBC), to respond to reports of child abuse and neglect and to work collaboratively and a coordinated manner with the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program (SATP).

Procedure

A. General Information.

1. CPT will perform assessment activities including, but not limited to: medical diagnosis and evaluation, medical consultation, other consultation, specialized interviewing of children, family psychosocial assessment, nursing assessment, psychological and psychiatric evaluation, and other specialized assessments.
2. CPT will also participate in multidisciplinary and multi-agency staffings that occur after the case has been transferred to BBCBC, provide expert professional testimony in court cases, and train staff in handling child abuse and neglect cases.
3. The BBCBC subcontracted training provider will collaborate with CPT to schedule trainings by CPT as necessary and appropriate for staff and caregivers.
4. Positive medical findings are verbally shared within twenty-four (24) hours with the investigator and law enforcement, with findings/results also shared with the DCM or BBCBC IS, if no DCM has been assigned.
5. A summary report is also created by CPT and shared with the DCM and CPI.

B. Sexual Abuse Treatment Programs.

1. The Sexual Abuse Treatment Program is a service available to children and families identified during the team assessment process as needing sexual abuse treatment services.
2. The treatment program is based on an intra-familial model, primarily utilizing group work with individuals. Family counseling may also be employed.
3. Program objectives focus on development of child-protective skills, non-offending caretaker child protective skills, and offender relapse prevention skills.
4. Child victims reported to the Abuse Hotline for suspected sexual abuse by an adult caretaker are eligible for services, provided that the Investigating Agency finds some indication or verification that sexual abuse has occurred.

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5. Family members also eligible for services include the non-offending adult caregiver, the offending caretaker, and non-victim siblings. In addition, the foster parent or relative/non-relative caregiver and natural parents may receive services.
6. Referrals to the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program will come from the DCM, in consultation with the DCM and CPI.
7. The DCM will remain in ongoing communication with the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program regarding child and family progress and will document such communication in the child's case record (FSFN).
8. The Sexual Abuse Treatment Program will provide written updates of treatment and shall attend court hearings as requested by the DCM and/or Children's Legal Services.
9. BBCBC, through their case management service providers, will make all of these services of the SATP available to clients as needs warrant.