

Family Advocate

Authority/Responsibilities

- You assist with coordinating the multidisciplinary team's investigation of child abuse and neglect.
- Responsibilities:
 1. Gather information from MDT members regarding the allegations of child abuse and neglect.
 2. Gather demographic and contact information from family members.
 3. Inform the non-offending caregivers about the role of the Child Advocacy Center and orient them to the forensic interview process.
 4. Conduct an interview with the non-offending caregiver to provide resources and support related to alleged abuse.

Character Development Tips

Module #3

- In this module, you will have met with the Non Offending Caregiver (Anna Hartwin) while the Forensic Interview is in process.
- You will have prepared documentation from your meeting (this report, along with the FI report, will be reviewed by everyone).

- Following the forensic interview, the MDT members will take turns sharing relevant to their roles in the investigation. The team will work together to evaluate information that comes from the interview and will identify next steps.
- Following this initial MDT meeting, you will invite the caregiver into the post-interview meeting. You will introduce Anna to the other MDT members. You will explain that William is unable to attend and that you will update him after the meeting.
- You will introduce Anna to all other MDT members, and then MDT members take turns sharing their planned next steps, from their areas of expertise.
- You might explain possible next steps as keeping in touch with follow up calls to assess any other needed resources or referrals.
- Be sure to ask other MDT members any questions you have about the information that they provide during the meeting, and respond to any questions the NOC may have for you.