

Summit County Multidisciplinary Team Interagency Agreement

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to establish a Multidisciplinary Team to work cooperatively in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.

Section 1. Composition of the Multidisciplinary Team

The Multidisciplinary Team shall consist of members of the Akron Police Department, Barberton Police Department, Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron CARE Center, Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron Psychology Department, Rape Crisis Center of Medina/Counties, Summit County Children Services Board, Summit County Prosecutor, Summit County Sheriff and any other agencies added to the Multidisciplinary Team pursuant to this Summit County Multidisciplinary Team Interagency Agreement (this "Agreement").

Section 2. Multidisciplinary Team Steering Committee

The Multidisciplinary Team Steering Committee (the "Steering Committee") shall be composed of a designated representative of each of the member agencies. The Steering Committee shall be charged with the following:

- Approving Guidelines (as defined below) for investigating and prosecuting child abuse cases
- Periodically reviewing the Guidelines and amending them when appropriate
- Approving new members
- Governing the day to day operations of the Multidisciplinary Team

Section 3. Agreement to follow established Guidelines

The signatories of this Agreement agree in principle to pursue a unified, multidisciplinary approach to the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. The signatories specifically agree to follow the Guidelines developed and approved by the Steering Committee whenever practicable.

Section 4. Amendment to this Agreement

This Agreement may be amended in the following manner: negotiation and signing of a new Interagency Agreement that superseded this Agreement by two-thirds vote of the Steering Committee.

Section 5. Development, Approval and Amendment of Guidelines

- A. The Steering Committee shall draft guidelines (the "Guidelines") with the following goals:
- Creating a system consistent with a multidisciplinary, cooperative approach
 - Minimizing the number of interviews an alleged child victim must be subjected to
 - Creating and utilizing a neutral, child-friendly environment for interview children
 - Creating a medical base Child Advocacy Center that meets the requirements for certification by the National Children's Alliance
- B. The Steering Committee shall approve the Guidelines by a majority vote of its members
- C. The Steering Committee may amend the Guidelines by a majority vote of its members

Section 6. Addition of new members

The Steering Committee may add new members to the Multidisciplinary Team upon application by a perspective member and majority vote of the Steering Committee. A new member may sign this Agreement by addendum; re-execution of this Agreement by the entire membership is not necessary.

Section 7. Withdrawal from Agreement

No member shall withdraw from this Agreement without first giving all parties forty-five days advance written notice. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to all non-terminated parties. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement as to any party, each party acknowledges and agrees to extend the protections of this Agreement and will maintain the confidentiality of any information provided pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 8. Miscellaneous Provisions

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all prior and contemporaneous understandings, agreements and representations, whether oral or written, with respect to such matters are superseded, including but not limited to that certain Summit County Children's Advocacy Center Agreement dated September 12, 2001. This Agreement may not be amended, modified, waived or discharged except in accordance with Section 4 and this Section 8.

This Agreement is effective as of the date signed by all parties and shall be reviewed every three years, starting in the year 2023.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, without regards to the conflict of law provisions thereof.

To the extent permitted by Ohio law, each party agrees to accept responsibility for the acts and omissions of its own officers, employees and agents performed and/or arising under this Agreement. The parties agree that nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver or any immunity provided under applicable state or federal statutory or case law.

Nothing in this Agreement shall create or be deemed to create any third party beneficiary rights in any person or entity not a party to this Agreement.

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which together shall constitute only one Agreement.

Revised 8/05; 3/10; 3/16; 10/20

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By signing, you agree to the participation of the agency you are representing and affirmation that all members of that agency will adhere to the Summit County Multidisciplinary Team Interagency Agreement to the best of their ability.

The Barberton Police Department

Agency

Vincent G. Morber, Chief of Police

Name and Title



Signature

February 3, 2021

Date

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Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron

Lisa Aunlio

Agency

~~Grace Wakulchik~~

Lisa Aunlio, Chief Operating officer

Name and Title

Lisa Aunlio

Signature

2-1-2021

Date

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Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron CARE Center

Agency

LISA Aurilio, Chief operating officer

Name and Title

Lisa Aurilio

Signature

2-1-2021

Date

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Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron Psychology Department

Agency

Douglas W. Straight, M.A. Ed., LPCC-S

Clinical Operations Director

Name and Title



Signature



Date

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Akron Police Department

Agency

Deputy Chief, Jesse Leaser

Name and Title

Major Leaser

Signature

11/25/20

Date

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Rape Crisis Center of Summit/Medina Counties

Agency

Sandy Parker, Director of Services

Name and Title

Sandy Parker

Signature

10/26/2020

Date

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Summit County Children Services Board

Agency

Julie Barnes, M.Ed., LSW
Executive Director
Summit County Children Services

Name and Title

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Julie Barnes

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Signature

10/30/2020

Date

Approved as to Form and Legal Content
Summit County Children Services
Administrative & Legal Services Division

Attorney Signature

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Jonathan Hunt
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Contract Administrator

Attorney Signature

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Katerina Papas
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10/28/2020

Deputy Executive Director/General Counsel

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Summit County Prosecutor

Agency

Sherr. Bevan Walsh

Name and Title

Sherr. B. Walsh

Signature

11/5/2020

Date

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SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency

KANDY FATHEREE SHERIFF

Name and Title

Kandy Fatherlee

Signature

02/08/2021

Date