

# Multidisciplinary Training for Professionals Investigating Suspected Child Abuse

1. Briefly state two recommendations made by the multidisciplinary team that investigated the deaths of four children that took place in one North Carolina County in 1997.
2. The participants in the multidisciplinary training came from which professions?
3. What role is played by social workers in the delivery of child maltreatment evaluation services?
4. Briefly state how this role differs from the role of law enforcement officers.
5. The authors state that when the system fails to effectively deliver child maltreatment evaluation services the reason is often due to:
  - a) inadequate professional knowledge
  - b) poor communication and coordination across disciplines
  - c) neither a nor b
  - d) both a and b
6. What prevents most states from implementing multidisciplinary teams to evaluate child maltreatment cases?
7. Briefly state one of the objectives of the multidisciplinary training sessions that were the focus of this study.
8. Identify one of the outcomes that the researchers assessed.
9. Briefly state how the researchers assessed the outcomes.
10. In the authors' review of the literature, they found no prior studies of multidisciplinary training for child abuse that involved which professions?
11. Prior research showed that maltreated children received more services when evaluations had been completed by:
  - a) providers working independently
  - b) multidisciplinary teams
12. In analyzing the data, the researchers divided the training sites into groups according to whether the sites had regional academic centers or did not. What advantage did the regional centers have over the other sites?
13. Following the training, which professional group was consulted with more frequency?
14. The research team found significant differences as a result of the training. State any two areas of knowledge cited by participants as improved following the training.

15. Not all professionals reported changes in perceptions of knowledge as a result of the training. Which professional groups reported no change in perception of knowledge?
16. The presence of an academic regional center in the vicinity of the training site appeared to make a significant difference in professionals' knowledge of legal issues in child abuse cases.
  - a) true
  - b) false
17. Name two areas of improvement cited by social workers who took the training.
18. Name two areas of improvement cited by law enforcement officers that took the training.
19. In response to open-ended questions, participants gave examples of what they found most helpful. Cite one example stated by participants of something they found helpful.
20. What did the researchers believe accounted for the improved communication reported by social workers who attended the training?