



## Legislation Text

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Supervisor Briggs recommending the Board approve the establishment of a Multi-Disciplinary Team that would serve as a voluntary coalition of representatives from County departments and local agencies, responsible for child welfare and protection services, that would agree to meet and collaborate on efforts to prevent child abuse and/or neglect and improve outcomes for those children who have been victims of abuse and/or neglect. This Multi-Disciplinary Team will be known as the Child Protection Unit or CPU.

The County of El Dorado has successfully established different "Multi-Disciplinary Teams" that are comprised of representatives from various County departments and local agencies who work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance to specific at-risk and vulnerable populations within the County of El Dorado.

For example, the Elder Protection Unit (EPU) was established by the Board of Supervisors in 2006 and is comprised of staff representatives from departments within the County's Health and Human Services Agency, County Counsel and local law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of seniors and dependent adults in the community. Members of the EPU contribute to efforts to identify and coordinate resources to: prevent abuse; assist the victims of abuse; and to pursue the vigorous prosecution of those who commit such abuses.

The County also coordinates a "Crisis Intervention Team" that is comprised of staff representatives from departments within the County's Health and Human Services Agency and local law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of those with chronic mental health, substance abuse or dual diagnosis issues, while working on the coordinated delivery of resources, services and treatment.

The Multi-Disciplinary Team proposed to coordinate the efforts of the county departments and local agencies responsible for child welfare and protections services would be developed under the same model used to establish the EPU and will be known as the Child Protection Unit (CPU).