



Bear Paw Kids Management Authority (KMA) Referral Team Protocols



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The Bear Paw KMA Referral Team (RT) will consist of three members of the KMA-CT. There will be one representative from Fort Belknap, one from Rocky Boy, and one from another community such as Havre or Chinook. This team may be made up of different members at each meeting and will be facilitated by the Project Coordinator.

Upon receipt of the referral form, the KMA Project Coordinator will organize paperwork for dissemination to the Referral Team. No identifying information will be disseminated to the RT.

The RT will meet the second Wednesday of each month immediately following the CT meeting to review referrals that have been received by the KMA. An RT meeting may also be called at other times as necessary to review cases in need of immediate attention.

Referral Team decisions will be based solely on provided information concerning age, diagnosis, behavioral issues, and placement. The RT will use the criteria sheet to determine eligibility and service priorities. In cases of a tie in points, priority will be given to the child who is 6-8 years old, then to the child with the most serious behavioral issues.

The criteria sheet was developed in conjunction with the KMA Project Coordinator and clinical consultants to determine the weight of the behavioral issues.

A waiting list will be maintained and updated monthly to reflect the needs of newly referred families. Once a family has been placed on the waiting list, additional referrals are not necessary unless the youth's or family's situation, behaviors, or placement have changed. In the case of a tie in points, the child who has been on the waiting list the longest will have priority.