

5.02 Multi-disciplinary Treatment Team (MTT)

I MTT Membership: The MTT consists of Approved Provider, responsible referring criminal justice agency, and Treatment Victim Advocate at a minimum. Other professionals relevant to a particular case may also be a part of the MTT such as human services, child welfare, and child protection services.

Discussion Point: Offenders who are sentenced to receive a domestic violence offender evaluation and treatment services are sometimes placed in the community without supervision (e.g., state probation, private probation, parole, or community corrections). Circumstances for unsupervised court orders vary, but these cases should be rare due to the possible risks posed to victim and community safety. The lack of a supervision officer can compromise the effectiveness of the MTT, offender containment, and accountability; can undermine efforts toward creating safe case management strategies; and may create ethical challenges for approved Domestic Violence Treatment Providers. Providers are encouraged to work with community stakeholders to address the lack of a supervising officer for domestic violence offenders when it occurs. This includes identifying strategies for how these offenders will be managed in such situations to enhance public safety. Domestic Violence Treatment Providers may accept such a client into treatment if, in their clinical judgment, it is in the best interests of the client, victim, and community safety to do so.