



**Operational Agreement between Santa Barbara County Public Health and CALM, Inc.**

**RE: California Office of Emergency Services – Child Abuse Treatment Program (CHAT)**

**SART MEDICAL COMPONENT**

As members of the Multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), and CALM/SART Multidisciplinary Interview Team, we recognize the need for collaborative efforts among medical, law enforcement, counseling, and legal disciplines so that comprehensive services can be provided to all survivors of sexual and physical assault. This agreement supports the formal relationship between two members of this team CALM, Inc. and the Public Health Department. CALM, Inc. will provide the below SART services and expertise to child victims of sexual assault/abuse.

- Requests for SART medical exams will come from Child Welfare Services or law enforcement, who will pay the fee for exams.
- Medical Exams will be conducted at the SART Cottage by Public Health Department examiners with special training in examination of children for sexual assault/abuse.
- Forensic Interviews will be conducted by CALM therapists with specialized training when requested by law enforcement or CWS.
- Referrals for counseling of the child and related family members will be made to CALM when abuse has been confirmed by physical finding, when abuse is suspected without physical findings, or when the family is in need of follow-up support counseling of any kind.
- Consultation Follow-Up on all cases will occur at the monthly SART Interdisciplinary meetings. Medical findings for children seen for therapy at CALM will be shared with CALM’s clinical director.
- Training for the medical examiner and the CALM staff will occur on a regular basis through in-service presentations at the SART meetings, through participation in local, state, and national workshops and conferences, through participation in peer review consultations, and through reading of recent literature.

We the undersigned hereby approve of this document for the time frame of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, to reflect the nature and specifics of our agreement.

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