

203 INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWING IN CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Competencies:

203-6 The child welfare professional understands the individual and family dynamics of sexual abuse, and can elicit and identify these dynamics during sexual abuse investigation interviews

203-7 The child welfare professional is aware of the elements of coercion and secrecy in sexual abuse cases and can structure the investigation, assess the risk to the child, and impose protective measures accordingly.

203-8 The Child Welfare Professional can implement strategies to engage involuntary or hostile clients in cases of abuse and neglect investigations

203-9 The Child Welfare Professional understands the role and responsibility of other disciplines in the investigation, prosecution and treatment of abuse and neglect, and can work jointly with these practitioners.

Learning Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

- Define the purpose and goals of an investigation into child sexual abuse
- Assess risk in child sexual abuse investigations
- Determine how to plan the logistics of an investigation, including the use of multi-disciplinary teams
- Identify the stages of the interview and the methods to be used in interviewing, as well as the dynamics involved in, and strategies to be used interviewing alleged victims, perpetrators, and non-offending parents.

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