

Investigative interviewing in Child Sexual Abuse Cases

Agenda: Day One

I. Introductions

II. Overview of Investigative Interviewing, Risk Assessment and Cultural Competence

- Investigating Sexual Abuse
- Purpose
- Risk Assessment
- Investigative Objectives
- Complexity of Child Sexual Abuse
- Factors of Culture Related to Disclosure and Recanting

III. Investigative Logistics and Teaming

- Investigative Planning
- Timing the Interview
- Determining the Sequencing of Interviews
- Location of Interviews
- Teaming Efforts by Professionals

IV. Interviewing Methods

- Principles
- Documenting Interviews
- Interviewing Methods
- Stages of the Interview

V. Interviewing the Alleged Child Victim

- Goals of the Alleged Child Victim's Investigative Interview
- APSAC Guidelines
- Preparation Stage of the Child's Interview
- Initiation Stage of Child's Interview
- Direction Stage
- Process of Disclosure
- Assessing the Credibility of Child Victims
- Conclusion Stage

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Agenda: Day Two

I. Interviewing the Non-Offending Parent

- Purpose
- Preparation Stage
- Initiation and Direction Stages
- Issues for NOP
- Other Interview Issues

II. Interviewing the Alleged Perpetrator

- Definitions
- Qualities of an Effective Interviewer
- Preparation Stage
- Initiation Stage
- Directive Stage
- Conclusion Stage

III. Interviewing Collaborative Witnesses

- Siblings
- Other Family Members
- School Personnel

IV. Closing and Evaluation