



SCENARIO: INTERVIEWING THE ALLEGED CHILD VICTIM

Shaley Wilson is a 5 year-old girl who was referred to a local public children services agency due to pending allegations of sexual abuse. The school made a referral to the agency after Shaley confronted several of her classmates on the playground and asked them to, "Lick my hole." When the teacher asked Shaley about her statements Shaley refused to talk and stated that "I'm not supposed to tell." The teacher reports that Shaley is a withdrawn child who does not have any other friends in the classroom. Shaley is prone to outbursts of aggression and is not doing well in school.

There is no prior record of agency involvement with this family. Shaley lives with her mother, 14 year old brother (Leon), and 6 month old sister (Tamara). Shaley's father is not involved in her care. A maternal grandmother and grandfather live close by and baby-sit the children as needed. Leon is in charge of Shaley after school until his mother returns in the evening following work. Tamara goes to day care at the mother's work site.

You have arranged to interview Shaley at her school.