



**SCENARIO:
INTERVIEWING A NON-OFFENDING PARENT**

Mrs. Katherine Davis is a 34 year-old mother of two small children. She has been married for the past 8 years to Mac Davis a construction worker. Mrs. Davis' earlier marriage of 5 years ended in divorce. Mrs. Davis' children , Melvin (Age 12) and Tierra (Age 9) do not see or visit their father. Mr. Davis is the only father that the children have known and they call him "Daddy."

Mrs. Davis states that she is happily married and that the Davis family is a "typical" American family. Both Mr. & Mrs. Davis work full-time and rely on after-school programs for child-care arrangements. Mrs. Davis states that she is happily married but that lately there has been some friction in the family due to Tierra's lying. Mrs. Davis states that Tierra has "always been her daddy's favorite" and that she knows how to get his attention. Mrs. Davis adds that Tierra is an openly affectionate child that will climb on the lap of an adult to get something that she wants.

You have contacted Mrs. Davis and asked her to come to the agency to discuss the pending allegations of sexual abuse. A referral was made to the local child welfare agency by a family member who states that Tierra told her, "My daddy rubs me and puts his tongue in my mouth." Mrs. Davis is upset with the allegations but believes that Tierra has told somebody lies for attention. Mrs. Davis told the investigator early on in the interview that she would never believe that anything has happened to Tierra since Tierra would tell her if something did.

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