



INTERVIEWING ALLEGED PERPETRATORS

A. Initiation Stage: During this phase the caseworker will evaluate the alleged perpetrator's intellectual status, English literacy, individual and cultural style in verbal and non-verbal communication.

1. Introductions/purpose
2. Gathering Background Information on Alleged Perpetrator
(address, past addresses, date of birth, SS#, family members, employment history, military history)
3. Family Life and Relationships

B. Directive Stage: During this stage, the caseworker is making note of any exculpatory or incriminating statements, any evidence that can be gathered and any inconsistencies in the AP's statement.

1. General questions about allegation
2. Questions about details of allegation

C. Conclusion Stage: During this stage, the caseworker must seek the assistance of the AP in protecting the child. If the caseworker has reason to believe the abuse happened, the child and the AP should have no contact. Cooperation by the AP is sought. The caseworker will also answer any questions the AP has, discuss next steps, and thank the AP for the interview.