

# INVESTIGATIVE GOALS IN CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CASES

The investigation is a detailed fact-finding process with four primary goals (Rycus & Hughes 1998):

- 1.To determine whether the allegation of child sexual abuse is indicated;
- 2.To determine the degree of on-going risk to the child;
- 3.To develop and implement a plan to protect the child;
- 4.To gather evidence to support criminal prosecution and other judicial proceedings, where indicated.