

THERAPEUTIC VS. FORENSIC INTERVIEWING

1. Therapeutic = Assumes the child is telling the truth

Forensic = Is a fact-finding procedure

2. Therapeutic = The interviewer is an advocate

Forensic = The interviewer has a neutral stance

3. Therapeutic = Subjective reality is accepted

Forensic = Alternative explanations are explored

4. Therapeutic = The general idea of abuse is enough

Forensic = Details are imperative

5. Therapeutic = The way information is obtained is not as important

Forensic = The way information is obtained is strictly governed

(Raskin & Esplin, 1991)