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## ASSESSING RISK: THE VICTIM

Some issues to consider with assessing future risk to the victim when reunification is being considered include:

- a. Does the child understand that he/she is not responsible for the abuse, for the emotional well being of the perpetrator, for the sequel of disclosures, etc.?
- b. Has the child expressed emotions about the abuse, the non-protection, etc. directly to both the NOP and the perpetrator?
- c. Has the child demonstrated the ability to disclose future abuse by communicating the details of the abuse to the therapist and the NOP? Is there a backup person the child can go to if necessary?
- d. Does the child trust the NOP to the extent that he/she would disclose future abuse? Is that trust appropriate?
- e. Does the child genuinely want reunification?