




# The Professional Interview: Elements and Requirements

-  Gather and give information;
-  Initiate and maintain positive client engagement; and,
-  Initiate and sustain movement toward identified goals and outcomes.

All three elements of the professional interview must be present in every interview. The professional interview is a purposeful interaction with the client, not a casual conversation. If the worker has a contact with a client and the above elements are not present, the worker is probably having a **conversation** with the client rather than a professional interview. A conversation is okay as long as a conversation is the purpose of the worker's visit.

