

Recommended Guidelines

for Interviewing a Child Who Has Experienced Sexual Abuse or Exploitation

Follow these guidelines to ensure ethical and sensitive reporting:

- ① Identify yourself as a reporter and explain the intended purpose and audience for your story.
- ① Have a parent, guardian or advocate present during the interview.
- ① Conduct the interview in a setting that is comfortable for the child. Avoid public settings or a large number of interviewers or photographers.
- ① Do not choose children to be interviewed based on gender, ethnicity, age, religion, economic, educational background or physical abilities.
- ① Avoid questions or comments that are judgmental, insensitive or humiliating.
- ① Do not ask a child to act out, stage or re-create part of their story.

