Recommended Guidelines for Interviewing a Child Who Has Experienced Sexual Abuse or Exploitation

Follow these guidelines to ensure ethical and sensitive reporting:

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