

NCAC ADVANCED FORENSIC INTERVIEW REVIEW TOOL

Instructions: Provide written and verbal feedback to the interviewer. For each section, note at least one item of Reinforcing Feedback and one Suggestion/Alternative for improvement.

CHILD-CENTERED	FEEDBACK AND EXAMPLES
- Effective pacing/use of silence	
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- Developmentally appropriate	
language and sentence structure	
- Attending behaviors (eye	
contact, verbal following, social	
support)	
- Adequately addressed blocks to	
communication/disclosure	
STRUCTURE/PROTOCOL	FEEDBACK AND EXAMPLES
Rapport – allowed child to	
choose topic of conversation, ask	
narrative- encouraging questions	
to access child's communication,	
sentence structure, vocabulary	
Use of Interview Guidelines/	
Instructions	
- Don't know/Don't Guess	
- Don't Understand	
- Correct me	
- Talk only about real things/Tell	
truth	
Narrative Practice – provided high-quality episodic memory	
training, modeled how to provide	
descriptive details about an event	
in substantive phase	
Transition – started with "What	
did you come here to talk about	
today?" or other open question.	
Provided alternative transition	
questions if child reluctant.	

Substantive Phase - obtained	
narrative description of alleged	
abuse or witnessed event(s)	
- Allowed script before asking for	
specific events	
- Particularized events (episodic)	
Closure - Returned child to	
neutral topic discussed in rapport,	
addressed child's questions and/or	
concerns	
FORENSICALLY-SOUND	FEEDBACK AND EXAMPLES
PRACTICE	
Use of Questions	
- Used variety of open-ended	
questions to invite narrative	
(invitations, breadth, depth)	
Effective use of more direct	
prompts as required (Wh-?)	
prompts as required (wii- ?)	
- Paired direct and open-ended	
prompts	
prompts	
- Limited number of yes/no or	
multiple-choice questions	
- Invited sensory, contextual, and	
idiosyncratic information	
- Social support statements	