

# **State of Maine**

## **Child and Family Services**

### **Fact-Finding Child Interview Protocol**

1. Pre-Interviewing Planning
2. Introduce Self and Build Rapport
3. Establish Ground Rules
4. Conduct Practice Interview
5. Explore Child-Directed Perceptions and Concerns
6. Explore Interview-Directed Topics of Concerns
  - a. Introducing topics
  - b. Eliciting free narrative
  - c. Asking follow-up questions
  - d. Pausing – reviewing checklists, interview plans, and fill-in gaps in interview
7. Close the Interview