

Questions: Adult and Juvenile Cases

Investigative Processes Guided by Specialized Knowledge

Law Enforcement Agencies

always/ typically generally never/ yes not no

- 1.   Do law enforcement agencies have policies or procedures in place to guide the investigation process for cases of alleged child sexual abuse?
- 2.   Do law enforcement agencies have policies or procedures in place to guide the investigation process for cases involving alleged cases of adult sexual assault?
- 3.   Do law enforcement agencies have specialized sexual assault or sex crime investigation units?
- 4.   If so, do they include specialized units for investigating computer/Internet-related crimes?
- 5. Do law enforcement investigators receive specialized training regarding the following:
  - Victimization trends, including the dynamics that impact the disclosure process for victims?
  - Victims' rights and the needs of victims and their families?
  - The heterogeneity of individuals who commit sex offenses, including the key differences between sexually abusive adults and juveniles?
  - Differential and developmentally appropriate forensic interview strategies for victims?
  - Child development, particularly as it relates to verbal abilities, memory, and suggestibility?
  - Interviewing techniques and strategies for alleged perpetrators and non-offending family members?
  - Trends pertaining to Internet-related sex crimes, and the use of computer forensics for investigative purposes?
  - Potential relationships between sexual victimization and other maltreatment within the home (e.g., child abuse, domestic violence)?
  - Sexual assault forensic examinations conducted by medical professionals?
  - Effective multi-disciplinary collaboration and critical information-sharing?

WSP/NO/KC

CJTL?

6.  always/yes  typically  generally/not  never/no Do law enforcement investigators receive information or training to promote their understanding of the range of statutory definitions that explicate specific sex crimes?
7.   Do investigative protocols within law enforcement agencies differ when juveniles are the alleged perpetrators?  
If yes, please describe: Must make parental notification, some school protocols in place as well
8.    Are parents/guardians notified and allowed to be present during the interviewing process when juveniles are the alleged perpetrators (or is informed consent provided by the parents/guardians)?
9.    Do law enforcement investigators receive specialized training about juveniles who have committed sex offenses, including the differences between adult and juvenile offenders?
10.    Do law enforcement investigators receive specialized guidance about discerning sexually problematic from developmentally normative behaviors among juveniles?

Child Welfare Agencies

11.   Do child welfare agencies have policies or procedures in place to guide the investigation process for cases of alleged child sexual abuse?
12.   Do child welfare agencies have specialized sexual assault or sex crime investigation units?
13.   Do child welfare agency investigators receive specialized training regarding the following:
- Victimization trends, including the dynamics that impact the disclosure process for victims?
  - Interviewing techniques and strategies for alleged perpetrators and non-offending family members?
  - Developmentally appropriate forensic interviewing strategies for victims?
  - Child development, particularly as it relates to verbal abilities, memory, and suggestibility?
  - Victims' rights and the needs of victims and their families?