##### PREDICATE QUESTIONS: FORENSIC INTERVIEWER

## Name

## Current occupation

### Title

### Duties

## Previous occupation

### Title

### Duties

## Educational background.

### Associates degree

### College degree

### Masters degree

## Qualifications

### Licenses

## What is your training and professional experience in the area of child abuse?

### Education

### Internships

### Continuing education

### On the job experience

## What is your training and experience in the area of forensic interviewing?

### Internship

### Clinical hours

### Supervised hours

### Research

### Continuing education

### Role play participation

### Number of forensic interviews observed

### Number of forensic interviews conducted

### Peer review participation

### Teaching experience

## In the course of you professional duties, how many forensic interviews have you conducted?

## How many forensic interviews have you observed being conducted?

* Have you ever supervised a forensic interview?
* Are you involved in training other professionals in the appropriate manner to conduct a forensic interview?
* Who do you train to conduct a forensic interview?
* How do you perform this training?
* Is the manner in which a forensic interview of a child abuse victim is conducted regulated by a protocol?
  + What is a child abuse forensic interview protocol?
  + What is typically included in a forensic interview protocol?
  + Is the protocol ever evaluated and revised?

## Do you obtain a history about what has happened to the child?

## What is a history?

#### Why do you obtain a history?

#### From whom do you obtain the history?

## Do you document the history that you receive?

### On what form do you document the history?

### Does the protocol require you to use a specific form?

## Have you received training on how to correctly complete the form?

## Approximately how many times have you completed this form?

## When do you document the historical information?

### Why do you document the information at that time?

## Was all information accurately recorded?

## Were the statements quote rather than paraphrased?

## After obtaining and documenting the history, what do you do next?

### (Brought child into the child friendly interview room)

## What is a child friendly interview room?

### Please explain what the room looks like.

## Why is a child friendly interview room used?

## Is there anything else special about the interview room?

### Is there video recording and sound equipment?

## Is the interview video and or audio taped?

## Is there a protocol in place in your jurisdiction?

## Please outline the protocol

### When created

### When revised

### Content

## Have you previously qualified as an expert in the area of forensic interviewing of child abuse victims?

### Which courts?

### How many times have you qualified?

* + In what areas of forensic interviewing have you qualified as an expert?

## Please explain how a child abuse forensic interview is conducted?

### Interview with the detective

### Interview with the child’s parents

### Interview with another interested party

## I would assume that your next step is to conduct the forensic interview?

## Are there various ways to conduct a forensic interview?

## What does your protocol require?

## What does your protocol require regarding documentation of what the child reports?

## How long does a typical child abuse forensic interview last?

### (Include waiting time, interview, medical evaluation and follow up)

## On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, did you conduct a forensic interview for a child named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

## In conducting this interview, was the protocol followed?

## In following the protocol, did you obtained a history regarding what had happened to ?

## What is the history that you received?

## Did you receive additional historic information from any other source(s)?

## In accordance with the protocol, did you record the information that you received?

## Did you next bring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the child friendly interview room and conduct a forensic interview?

## Did you follow the protocol for your jurisdiction?

## Tell us about the interview.

## During the forensic interview, did you have an opportunity to observe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s demeanor and attitude?

### What was her demeanor and attitude?

### Based on your training and experience, was her demeanor and attitude consistent with a person who had suffered a traumatic event?

#### Why?

## Did you record her demeanor in your report?

## When did you do this?

* Was the interview videotaped as you described earlier?

**(IF issue at trial is leading and suggestible questioning)**

* Have you reviewed the interview to determine whether it was conducted in a leading and suggestive manner?
* Do you have an opinion whether the interview was conducted in a leading and suggestive manner?
* What is your opinion?
* On what do you base your opinion? (The interview, history, experience and training, continuing education, peer review, etc.)