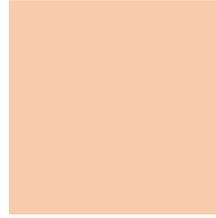


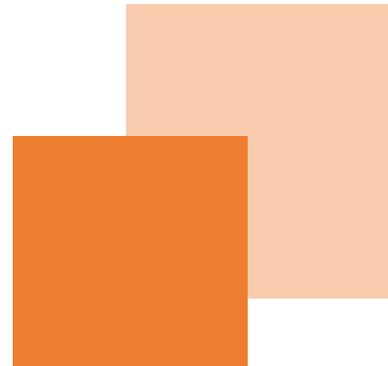
**Forensic Interview
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The Origin of Forensic Interview

- The Mac Martin's pre-school trial 1987-1990
- The State of New Jersey v. Margaret Kelly Michaels (1993)

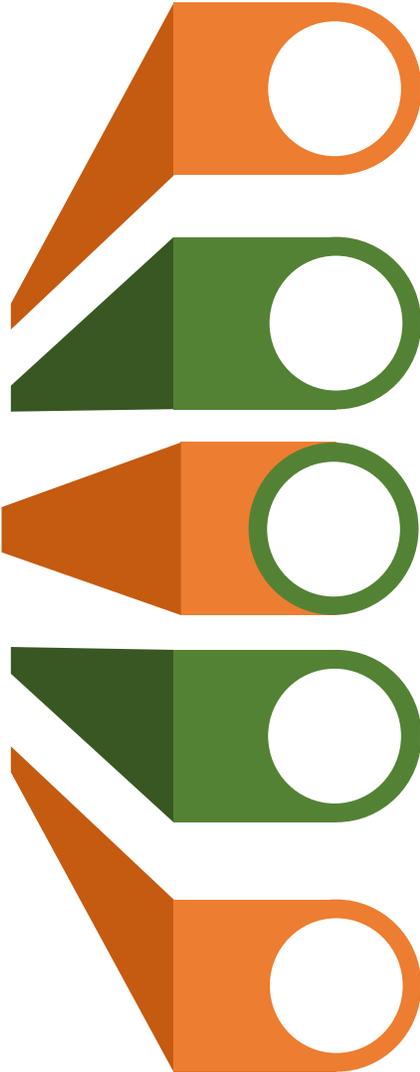


What is Forensic Interview?

A forensic interview is a structured conversation with a child with the sole intention of eliciting detailed information about a possible event that the child may have experienced or witnessed. The information elicited from the child during forensic interviewing is helpful in criminal investigation of child sexual abuse perpetrators. It also helps in assessing the child's safety, medical and psychosocial needs.



Benefits of Forensic Interview



It facilitates quicker and successful investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse cases based on the preponderance of evidence produced.

It aids Survivor and Witness identification, interviewing, evidence-collection, interrogation of the accused, investigative procedures, case management, integrating law enforcement investigations with court procedures and presenting evidence in court.

It ensures effective support of witnesses and case management.

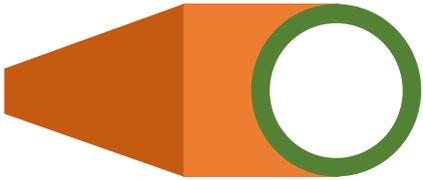
It increases the number of confessions from Perpetrators thereby increasing the number of convictions.

Ensures effective identification of vulnerable or intimidated witnesses and their eligibility for access to special measures.

Benefits of Forensic Interview



Education of law enforcement officials with specific protocols for intervention, in particular with respect to the initial interview between a child victim and the law enforcement agencies, .



It preserves a complete and accurate record of what transpired during the interview



The video recordings of the Forensic Interview can be used to refresh the child's memory for recollection of events prior to trial.

Forensic Interview Suite

The forensic interview is conducted in a specially equipped room with a unique setting that houses:

- forensic anatomical dolls
- forensic recording equipment and
- an observation room with a one-way mirror where child focused professionals can observe and listen in on the ongoing forensic interview

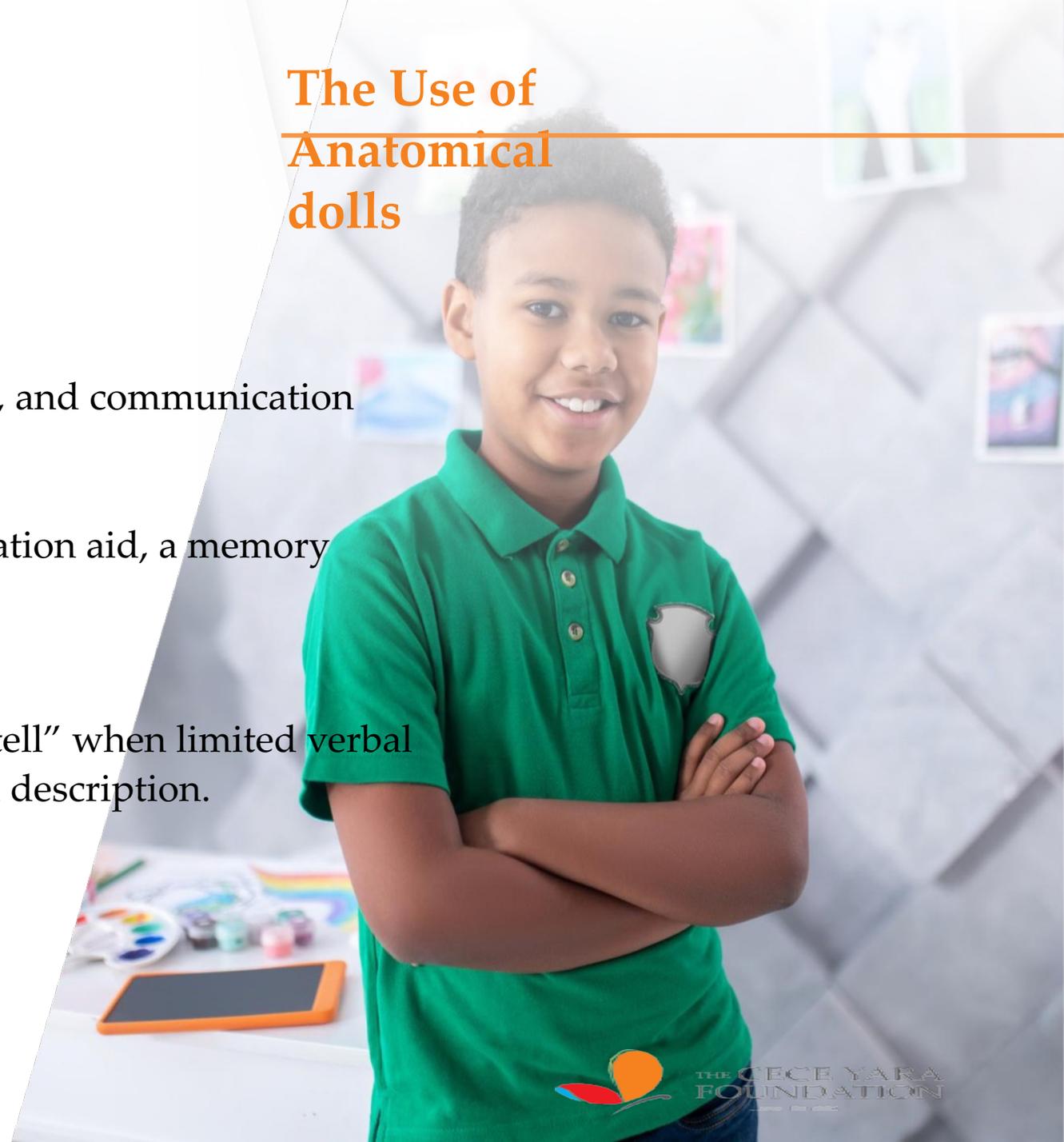


Anatomical Dolls and Diagrams as Demonstration Aid



The Use of Anatomical dolls

- For purposes of clarification, consistency, distancing, and communication beyond verbal detail.
- As an ice-breaker, an anatomical model, a demonstration aid, a memory stimulus, and a screening tool.
- As props to enable children to “show” rather than “tell” when limited verbal skills or emotional issues interfere with direct verbal description.



Benefits of Using Anatomical Dolls and Diagrams

- Children, particularly young children, may be better at demonstrating an event or experience than in describing it.
- Gives the child a two means of communication—verbal and actions.
- Limits the number of leading questions as it provides “cues” that triggers a child’s memory.
- Overcome the reluctance of children to disclose abuse.
- Less stressful to show than to tell.
- Diagrams may significantly reduce false negatives and enable more children to disclose touches.
- Diagrams may result in additional forensically relevant details.
- Forensically relevant details may lead to corroborating evidence.
- Recognize dolls and diagrams are used in physical abuse, emotional abuse.



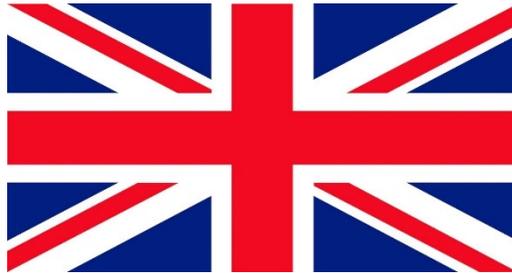
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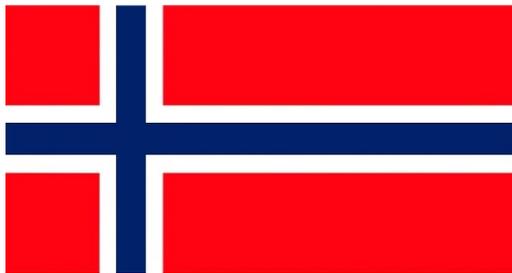
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