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Following the Evidence in the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Forensic Interview
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As law enforcement agencies and other youth serving professionals begin to better identify youth at risk of exploitation, many referrals are being made for these youth to be interviewed. The CAC model provides many benefits in serving these youth, but there are also some considerations that are being overlooked. Trained, experienced forensic interviewers have expanded the types of cases that are seen for interviews and many skills cross over. Although there has been much training on the dynamics of exploitation, there are some key issues to address in the forensic interview that are different from the traditional types of cases seen in CACs. This presentation will compare and contrast exploitation cases with typical cases seen in CACs and offer suggestions on topic strategies unique to commercial sexual exploitation cases.

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Julie Kenniston, MSW, LISW is a Program Manager for the National Criminal Justice Training Program of Fox Valley Technical College. She presents nationally and internationally on forensic interviewing. She is a faculty member for the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) and Ohio Attorney General's Finding Words forensic interview courses. Ms. Kenniston coordinated the Forensic Training Institute for The Childhood Trust and now manages the updated Child Forensic Interviewing program. She co-chairs the APSAC forensic interviewer committee and chairs the committee updating guidelines regarding the use of interview aids in forensic interviews. She has conducted over 3,000 forensic interviews and currently conducts interviews for the Southwest Ohio ICAC Task Force. Ms. Kenniston co- authored Handbook on Questioning Children: A Linguistic Perspective, 3rd edition with Anne Graffam Walker, Ph.D.