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VIDI KIT

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

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KEY COMPONENTS

1. Video camera
2. Tripod
3. Laptop
4. Storage Media (SD cards and USBs)

Setting Up: **Finding the right angle**

Example of an interview room set-up:



SETTING UP:

Observe principles on
child-friendly spaces (CFS)

KEY CFS FACTORS

- The space itself
- The accessories
- The personnel in it

THE SPACE

- Enclosed
- Comfortable temperature
- Comfortable furniture
- Readily accessible facilities for child's comfort
- Neutral walls

THE ACCESSORIES

- Drawing and coloring materials are accessible
- Toys and reading materials must be limited
- Supplies to address child's needs are accessible
- Food items must be avoided

THE PEOPLE

- Limited in number
- Trauma-informed
- Established rapport with the child

Interview Proper

SOME REMINDERS

- Start of the video:
 - Say the Name, Time, Date, and Location
 - *Today is **August 29, 2019***
 - *Time now is 3:30 PM*
 - *We are at Golden Prince Hotel and Suites, Acacia St., Cebu City*

REMINDERS

- Explain the purpose of the interview
- Inform that the interview will be recorded
- Inform the child if there are other people who are listening
- Child and other persons present must consent to the video recording (*“Do you consent that we will record this interview?”*)

REMINDERS

- Breaks
 - Child can take a break
 - Opportunity to ask other members if they have questions
 - Say the time stamp before and after
- End of video
 - State the time and location stamp

“We are done with the interview.

Today is August 29, 2019 and Time now is “_____”



Transferring files and producing copies

- Preserve the chain of custody
- Copies should be made immediately under the interview
- If feasible, have a witness observe the transfer and production of copies
- Recommended number of copies – 3

TRANSCRIPTION

- The interviewer or his/her designee shall transcribe the interview
- Check the accuracy if someone else transcribed the interview
- The confidentiality of the interview must be observed

PRESENTATION OF VIDI IN COURT

- The **individual conducting the interview** of the child shall be available at trial for examination by any party
- Before the videotape is offered in evidence, **all parties** shall be afforded an **opportunity to view or listen** to it
- All parties shall be furnished a copy of a **written transcript** of the proceedings

What if the child does not want to be interviewed?

Respect the child's decision not to be interviewed. The child may be referred to a psychologist for assessment. Interview the child only when he / she is ready.

What if the child wants to be interviewed, but not video recorded?

Respect the child's decision not to be videotaped.
Consider audio recording. Sec 29 of RECW allows not only
video recording but audio recording as well.

Is there a limit on the duration of the interview?

No, there is no legal requirement defining how short or long the interview should go. The only limitation is the best interest of the child – he or she determines the duration of the interview. This entails being sensitive to the energy and attention span of the child. If the child wants to end the interview, the interviewer must defer and end the interview.

Should VIDIs be conducted for every rescue?

- The ideal scenario is that the case will rely on strong digital, law enforcement, object/demonstrative and other non-victim evidence, independent of child testimony.
- If this is not the case, however, VIDI should be conducted. But it depends on the readiness of the child. Remember that conducting a VIDI will have many benefits in the future of a case, especially for the child. While it may appear time-consuming, its benefits will far outweigh the costs in protecting the best interests of the child.

How do we preserve the integrity of the SD cards and USB flash drives?

- As a best practice, each storage media containing the interview shall be securely kept in a zip lock, properly sealed and labeled. The label shall have the following details: 1. date and time of the interview, 2. name and signature of the custodian/ person who sealed it, 3. name of interviewee, 4. name of the witness in reproducing the files, if any.
- Should there be requests to view the video, the custodian shall ensure that there is proper documentation of the disposition or control of the video.

VIDI Casework Statistics

153

Total instances of
video-captured child
interviews taken
during inquest

74%

Were used by
prosecutors during
inquest

112

Number of victims who no
longer had to appear during
these proceedings and
protected from potential
retraumatization and
revictimization

35

Number of
convictions related
to cases with VIDI
intake during inquest

THANK YOU!

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