**ALLEGATION PHASE AND FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS**

Additional Question for Children in Foster Care:

Where are you staying now? What made them move you to a new place?

Additional Questions Physical Abuse:

I heard you had a mark on your body. Tell me what happened.

What happens when a grown up in your house gets made at you?

Tell me about the worst thing that ever happened.

Additional Questions for Domestic Violence

I heard the grownups in your house got in a fight? Tell me what happened.

I heard your mom or dad got hurt? Tell me what happened.

What happens when the grownups in your house get mad at each other?

Additional Questions for Homicide;

I heard something happened to (victim). Tell me what happened.

Follow up Questions:

Where did he touch you? Answer and then “Tell me more about that.”

Skin to Skin -- Hands: Don’t ask: Was it over or under your clothes? Or Did he put his finger inside you? Better: What did he do with his hands? Where were your hands?

Clothes: Don’t ask -- Were his clothes on or off? Were your clothes on or off?

Better: Where were his clothes? Where were your clothes?

THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

What we have in the OIGs discusses acknowledging children’s feelings “I see you have tears in your eyes. Tell me about your tears.”

Lyon discusses that asking children about their reactions to abuse lends credibility to child’s report. Their affect may be flat when disclosing or testifying, jurors expect emotion, some reasons for lack of affect may include: lack of emotion, repeated interviews, inhibition

Asking may lend credibility –

* + Children don’t spontaneously describe their emotional response
  + Part of believable narrative
  + Unlikely to have been coached
  + Child’s perspective on abuse
  + Makes child sympathetic and reminds jury of sexual abuse harms

Reactions to Abuse:

* + Not Good: Did it hurt? Yes/no
  + How did you feel when he touched you?
  + How did you feel after he touched you?
  + How did you feel when you went to the bathroom?
  + What do you think…..
  + How did your body feel…………
  + How did you (body part) feel……….
  + Follow Up: You said bad. Tell me about that.