

What is an Extended Forensic Evaluation?

The extended forensic evaluation (EFE) is a semi-structured method of assessing possible sexual abuse in young children. It blends forensic interviewing skills with therapeutic techniques. It was developed for those children who are too young, too frightened, or unable to provide clear information in the initial investigation conducted by Child Welfare and/or Law Enforcement authorities.

How long does it take?

The EFE is designed to take anywhere from 6 to 8 sessions. The initial session is generally with a parent(s) or caregiver(s) while following sessions are with the child. Investigative and collateral information can be included if provided for a more comprehensive evaluation.

What is the goal of the EFE?

Many children do not respond to a one-time interview that is conducted in most child abuse investigations. Some children need more time. The EFE is a fact-finding method that preserves the investigative process while remaining sensitive to the needs of the child. The goal is to allow the child to tell their experiences more thoroughly or to rule out sexual abuse and perhaps provide alternative explanations for concerns.

What age is appropriate?

This method was developed for children from age 3 to 9.

How much does it cost?

Fees for evaluations vary, depending on the number of sessions or time involved. An initial consultation is available at no charge.

What happens when the sessions are completed?

The EFE is an evaluation of the child. A written report is provided to the court, attorneys or legal guardian depending on the circumstances. Sessions for preschoolers are video-taped and available if ordered for review by the courts.

The EFE is NOT therapy. It incorporates therapeutic techniques, tools and training to meet the needs of the child while following forensically sound practices. The evaluation lays a foundation for treatment if needed and referrals to appropriate agencies/individuals will be available.

Forensic Interviews

Forensic interviewing for front-line investigations is available if requested by Child Welfare and/or Law Enforcement agencies in/and out of Oklahoma. Services to include preliminary staffing, interview, consultation, video-tape and written report.

Trainings and Presentations

Past trainings & presentations have included:

- “Forensic Interviewing in Child Abuse Investigations”
- “Memory & Suggestibility Issues in Children”
- “How to Talk to Children in the Courtroom”
- “How to Respond to Sexual Abuse Disclosures in the Classroom”
- “Signs of Child Sexual Abuse”
- “How to Tell If Someone is Lying to You”
- “A Church’s Response to Child Sexual Abuse Allegations”
- “Helping Kids Through the Trauma”
- “Children and Divorce”

Therapy

Therapeutic services for children (who are not receiving an evaluation) are also available.

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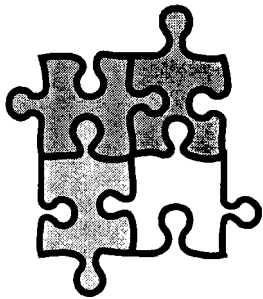
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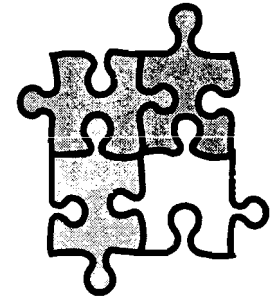
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