

Child Pornography Protocols Framing Tool

The below listed suggested Child Pornography protocols are to be used as a guide when developing your local jurisdiction protocols and should not be viewed as all encompassing.

This guide was developed as a part of a resource from NCA's Collaborative Workgroup on CSEC cases specific to Child Pornography and Exploitation.

I. Law Reference

- Reference any local or state law.
- Federal law can be listed here as well.

II. Multi-disciplinary teams

- Any discovered images of children engaged in child pornography, as defined by state statute and/or federal law) shall be reported to (not specifically in the below order):
 - Local Law Enforcement
 - State ICAC Team
 - Federal law enforcement (depending on jurisdiction)
 - Child Advocacy Center/Multi-disciplinary team
 - Child Protective services
 - State's Attorney's Office
 - Others as defined by state statute, Federal Law, or local protocols

III. Investigations

- Identify and locate victim
 - Determine location of victim
 - Is medical treatment necessary
 - MDT decision?
 - Conduct safety assessment
 - Crisis intervention
- Determine when incident(s) occurred
- Determine extent of abuse and abuse images
- What other resources are needed
 - Other L.E. jurisdictions
 - NCMEC
 - CAC Resources
 - MDT response

IV. Forensic Interview

- Triage
 - Best interviewer
 - Time/location

- CAC unless circumstance dictate otherwise
- Interview according to trained protocol
 - Presentation of evidence
 - Images cleansed
 - How and when appropriate
 - Key questions to ask
 - Technology information
 - Apps
 - Passwords
 - Video
 - Chats
 - Devices used
 - Platforms
 - Pins,
 - Other
- Distribution/retention of recorded interview
 - LE – includes local, federal partner, States, etc.
 - Retention
 - Where kept
 - How long

V. Evidence collecting

All evidence shall be gathered by MDT representatives and maintained in the custody of the investigating law enforcement agency. Knowledge of evidence shall be shared, when appropriate, with protective services to protect the child.

- MDT Response
 - There is ALWAYS a crime scene. Investigators should do their best to recreate the crime scene through pictures and schematic drawings if possible
 - Forensic interview
 - Courtesy interviews
 - CPS background information
 - Law Enforcement
 - Identify victim and his/her background
 - Living arrangements
 - Friends
 - Family
 - Others – especially “enemies”
 - Conduct search warrants when evidence dictates
 - Preservations letters for technology evidence
 - Interview collateral contacts
 - Technology evidence
 - Cell phone
 - Computer

- Gaming systems
- Smart Watches
- Cameras
- Printers
- Medical Evidence
 - Acute Abuse
 - SAFE Examination
 - Chronic Abuse
 - Wellbeing examination
 - STD examination
 - Pregnancy examination
- Digital evidence
 - APPS
 - Craigslist
 - Facebook
 - Other sites

VI. Continuing Services

- Advocacy Protocol
 - Initial services
 - Follow-up services
 - Ongoing services
 - Court Prep
 - Court accompaniment
- Mental Health
 - Initial contact
 - Services provided
 - Protocol
- Reunification
 - Travel arrangements
 - Lodging if necessary

VII. Other resources

- NCMEC
 - Team Hope
- NCA
- Regional CAC
- Etc.