

Minimal Facts Interviews

When a Family Services Specialist needs to complete a face-to-face interview with the child within the determined response priority and prior to the completion of a forensic interview, the Family Services Specialist must conduct a **minimal facts interview**.

The purpose of a minimal facts interview is to assure safety and assess immediate needs.

Safety

Who did it?
Where is the person now?
Are there other victims?
Is medical treatment needed?

Protective Factors

Is there a protective caretaker?
Does family have access to natural supports?
Has the alleged abuser/neglector left the home?

Safety Services

What services are needed to ensure the immediate safety of the child?

A minimal facts interview DOES NOT include a discussion about the details of the alleged abuse or neglect. If an interview with the child covers detailed information about the alleged abuse/neglect, the Child Advocacy Center may be unable to schedule a forensic interview for the child.