

## CHECKLIST FOR COMMUNICATING WITH CHILD VICTIMS OF CRIME

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- Identify the language ability level of the victim.
- Identify the emotional and physical capability of the victim to be interviewed.
- Communicate in a compassionate and nonjudgmental manner.
- Ensure that the victim is comfortable and understands the purpose of the interview (i.e., the officer needs to learn what happened to hurt or injure the victim).
- Adjust language as needed to help the victim understand questions.
- Identify special circumstances and assistance needed to interview a mentally challenged victim.