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HISTORY

1990 Practice Guidelines Psychosocial Evaluation of Suspected Sexual Abuse in Children



THESE GUIDELINES WERE ORCHESTRATED BY LUCY BERLINER, MSW, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

LUCY IS A REAL PIONEER IN THE FIELD OF CHILD MALTREATMENT AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

SHE OBTAINED INPUT FROM A WIDE RANGE OF EXPERTS IN CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

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THESE GUIDELINES APPLIED ONLY TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

THEY DESCRIBED BEST PRACTICES FOR BOTH FORENSIC AND CLINICAL EVALUATIONS.

THESE GUIDELINES WERE INTENDED FOR MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATORS WITH POST GRADUATE DEGREES, NOT FOR FRONTLINE FORENSIC INTERVIEWERS.

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THESE GUIDELINES WERE REVISED IN 1997, AGAIN WITH LUCY BERLINER TAKING THE LEADERSIP ROLE.

THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO REVISE THEM IN 2007, BUT THAT VERSION WAS NEVER APPROVED BY THE APSAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

IN 2018, THERE WAS ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO UPDATE THESE GUIDELINES, BUT THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ABOUT WHETHER THEY SHOULD ONLY APPLY TO FORENSIC EVALUATIONS AND WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE SEPARATE GUIDELINES FOR CLINICAL EVALUATIONS.

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CURRENT VERSION: PRACTICE GUIDELINES: Forensic Mental Health Evaluations of Children in Suspected Child Maltreatment Cases

APPLY TO ALL FORMS OF CHILD MALTREATMENT

ONLY APPLY TO FORENSIC EVALUATIONS

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MICHAEL HANEY, PHD, WHO CHAIRED THE TASK FORCE WHICH UNDERTOOK THE REVISIONS.

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