



Video Taping Sessions

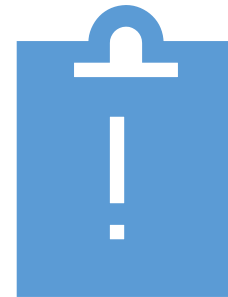
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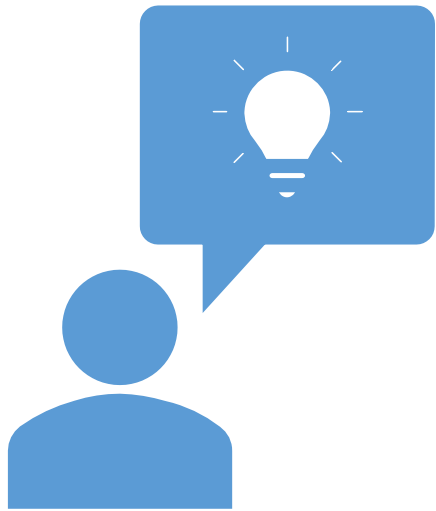
Vignette

- **The favored parent contacted the therapist to report that, two days earlier, during the therapist's session with the child and the targeted parent, a sexual crime of molestation had been committed by the targeted parent while in session. The allegation further stated that this occurred when the therapist stepped out of the room....**

3 Reasons to Record

1. Provides objective Insight
2. Guides the Follow-up
3. Documentation (Corroboration/Proof)





Objective Insight

- Insight vs. Intuition
- Examples
 - Mirroring
 - Cadence
 - Moment by Moment
 - Child Focused or Self-centered
- Other factors
- Counselor's behavior

Guides Follow-up

- **Pro-Structuralism Assumption:** The person is not the conceptualized problem thus linguistically objectifying the problem creates space between the person and the problem to develop an alternative story.
- Example:



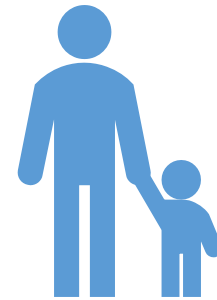


Documentation

- **Silent Witness**
 - Decrease documentation error
 - Visual documentation of progress
 - Reliable for testimony not 'he said, she said'

Final thoughts

- Ethical Considerations
- Preserves the integrity of the targeted parent
 - Corrects the distortion the child has of the targeted parent
- Investment required
- Creates a record we can return to
- Recording helps us help the family



The Rest of the story

I offered the opportunity to all the attorneys involved to come to my office and view the video. Some did; the targeted parent won temporary custody of the child while the favored parent was ordered into therapy.

“...he now has custody and she has limited contact...your videos were the most dramatic and compelling evidence in the case....(the) judge hinted how greatly he had been moved by what he saw...”

...Senior Attorney and owner of the law firm representing a client in a co-parenting/child custody case.