

## About CornerHouse

The vicious cycle of child abuse is interrupted only when children are heard and the abuse is stopped. CornerHouse hears the voices of approximately 500 children each year when conducting forensic interviews and medical examinations of children who have reported sexual abuse, witnessed violent crime or who may have been otherwise victimized.

Since its founding in 1989, CornerHouse has utilized the RATAAC® forensic interview protocol which promotes a collaborative system response, eliciting statements from children in a way that is developmentally appropriate, non-leading, and ensures the rights of the accused. The Minnesota Court of Appeals states in an unpublished opinion that CornerHouse interviews elicit statements that are “detailed, ...consistent, and... compelling.” *Minnesota v. Jones*, No. A04-1626 (Mn. Ct. App. 2005).

In 1990, CornerHouse began teaching others about best practices in forensic interviewing. CornerHouse has trained 25,000 community professionals from eleven countries on five continents in legally defensible forensic interviewing techniques. Trainees report that CornerHouse training is, “...by far the best training [they] have ever attended...”



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# give them a voice

Forensic Interviews of Child Victims and Witnesses

CornerHouse Forensic Interview Protocol RATAAC®

*DVD/Study Guide Overview and Order Form*



*Give Them a Voice* consists of a DVD and study guide that serve to provide child protection, law enforcement, legal professionals, forensic interviewers and students with demonstrations of forensically sound interviewing practices, yet still conveys a realistic semblance of the challenges presented in actual forensic interviews.

**\$80** for DVD & Study Guide  
**ORDER YOURS TODAY!**

Through the use of this DVD and study guide, students obtain a basic introduction to forensic interviewing. Professionals charged with the investigation of child abuse learn new techniques, sharpen skills and improve the overall quality of their own interviews, ultimately resulting in better outcomes for children.

*Give Them a Voice* is not intended for use in lieu of forensic interview training. While *Give Them a Voice* can be helpful to professionals who want to watch demonstrations of forensically sound interviews, it is most appropriately used in conjunction with a thorough forensic interview training program that has a clinical and research basis.



Over 20 years ago, CornerHouse developed an interview protocol, RATAC®, which has been adopted throughout the United States and several other countries. For more information about the training programs offered by CornerHouse, go to [www.cornerhousemn.org](http://www.cornerhousemn.org).

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#### GIVE THEM A VOICE DVD

Highly trained forensic interviewers and professional actors perform the mock interviews depicted. The adult actors who portray the alleged victims are not only skilled performers; they have also received training in child development and in the types of responses that may be typical for child witnesses and victims. Due to the expertise of these performers, the interviews go far beyond role-playing and are the closest possible simulation of actual forensic interviews.

#### GIVE THEM A VOICE STUDY GUIDE

The accompanying study guide consists of discussion questions that can provide individual users, as well as groups of professionals, the opportunity to review and discuss issues related to forensic interviewing and is designed to teach viewers how to analyze and learn from the techniques applied. Specific questions are provided to help professionals explore the issues that each interview example presents.