



## The CornerHouse Protocol is:

### Person centered; individuals are:

- Treated with dignity and respect;
- Recognized as the expert regarding their own experience; and
- Afforded the opportunity to communicate about their experience in their own way.

### Semi-structured

- Each interview is tailored to meet the developmental and emotional needs of the individual;
- The progression of each interview is guided by the individual, and is not limited by stages, process, or techniques.

### Forensically sound

- Inquiry is intended to elicit accurate narrative. When direct prompts are necessary, interviewers will return to open-ended inquiry as soon as possible;
- An unbiased perspective is maintained throughout;
- Leading and suggestive techniques and situations are avoided.



# listen.

CornerHouse listens and offers hope and healing to those silenced by trauma and violence.

The **CornerHouse Forensic Interview Protocol™** provides a scaffold for forensically sound interviews that best meet the needs of children, adolescents, and vulnerable adults. Possible stages of the CornerHouse Protocol include:

## BUILD RAPPORT

### PURPOSE

To establish a foundation for the interview process by:

- Orienting the individual
- Learning about the individual and their functioning
- Facilitating the individual's best possible functioning

### POSSIBLE METHODS

- Orienting Messages
- Face Drawing
- Narrative Practice
- Family Information

## SEEK INFORMATION

### PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for the individual to report their experience by:

- Choosing a forensically sound strategy for approaching the topic of inquiry, fully utilizing indirect prompts
- Incorporating interview tools in an intentional manner, when appropriate

### POSSIBLE METHODS

- Open Opportunity
- Anatomy ID
- Touch Inquiry
- Extended Touch Inquiry
- General Inquiry
- Specific Inquiry

## EXPLORE STATEMENTS

### PURPOSE

To allow the individual to share details of their experience by:

- Listening to the individual
- Allowing a range of communication, including use of interview tools as beneficial
- Returning to Seek Information as appropriate

### POSSIBLE METHODS

- Utilize foundation from Build Rapport
- Encourage narratives using Invitation and Inquiry
- Follow individual's information
- Return to Seek Information

## END RESPECTFULLY

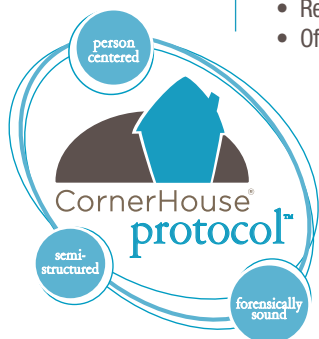
### PURPOSE

To provide respectful closure to and transition from the interview by:

- Attending to the individual's presentation, communicated experience, and observed needs
- Providing a developmentally sensitive and individual-centered transition

### POSSIBLE METHODS

- Explore Resources
- Acknowledge Participation
- Provide Opportunity for Questions
- Return to Neutral Topic
- Offer Face Drawing/ Business card



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