

Sample “Statement of Purpose”

This protocol is offered to assist all children, both victims and witnesses, and to serve as a model for handling cases within _____ County. The goal is to treat children and their families with dignity and respect and to reduce secondary trauma that is often associated with child abuse investigations.

This protocol is intended to provide guidelines and a reference source for interagency cooperation in the investigation, prosecution, and management of child physical and sexual abuse cases. While it is recognized that each agency has its own mandate to fulfill, we also acknowledge no **one** agency or discipline can fully address the problem of child abuse. Therefore, each agency must be cognizant of the needs of the victim, as well as sensitive to the needs of other professionals involved. We have chosen to make the best interest of children our overriding concern where any interagency conflict may exist.

Joined in the effort to mobilize our strengths, the members of the _____ endeavored to: 1) clarify each agency’s duties and responsibilities, 2) limit the number of interviews of the child victim, and 3) provide a consistent and efficient approach to the investigation, prosecution and management of child abuse cases in _____ County.