

# Handouts and Go-Bys

## Keeping Your Child Exploitation Investigation Victim Centered

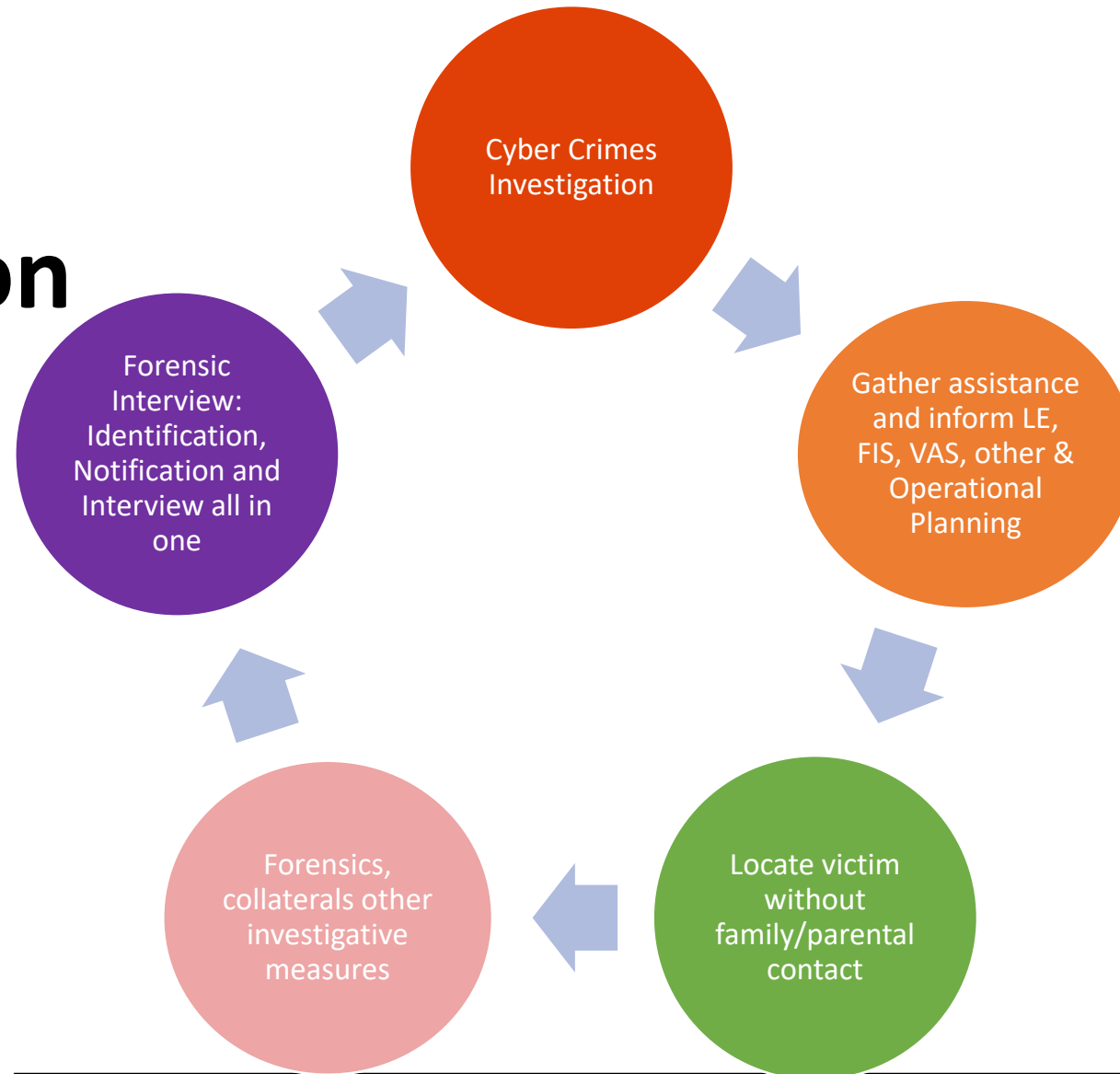
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## Victim-Centered Investigation



**All In One Process**

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## Some Do's and Don't when talking with parents?

*Remember you do not know the family dynamics*

- **Do not** tell them their child is a victim without positive ID from the victim that comes later
- **Do not** show the parents images of their child
- **Avoid** using the following verbiage:
  - ✓ Child Pornography
  - ✓ Victim
  - ✓ Interview
  - ✓ Child was sharing her photos
  - ✓ Compliance with the suspect/target of the investigation
- **Provide Reassurance**
  - ✓ Child or parent is not in trouble
  - ✓ Child may have helpful information for the investigation
  - ✓ Suspect/Target is in custody and unaware of meeting
- **Ensure** they come to meet you at the interview location, getting them in the door is the first step to the forensic interviewing
- **Encourage** face to face meetings and questions and answer

**Sharing too much information is more harmful then limiting what is told**

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## What do we tell parents?

*Remember you do not know the family dynamics*

- Working a cyber-crimes investigation
- You and your child are **not in any trouble with us**
- Your cooperation will not get either of you in trouble
- We believe that the **suspect may have had on-line contact with your child**
- We believe he/she has critical information that will be helpful to our investigation
- If applicable, inform the family that the **suspect is in custody** or that they are not **in current danger** from the target
- Inform them that **once we speak with their child** and gather more information, we will be able to sure much more with them. But NOT over the phone
- **Do not tell** them their child is a victim without positive ID from the victim that comes later
- **Do not show** the parents images of their child
- Inform the parents we need to speak with the child at the designated neutral location and time (interviewing at home or school should not be an option)

## The HSI Prepare and Predict Method

This method allows the interviewer

to **prepare the victims**

For the evidence that will be presented while giving

them an **opportunity to predict**

what it is they are about to see, hear and/or discuss.



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