Beverly Tucker

Beverly Tucker began her career in 1982 working with adjudicated youths. She later worked with the Division of Family Services in a number of roles including conducting "Hotline" Investigations, supporting children in Alternative Placements, and provided Intensive In-Home Services. Beverly joined the Children's Advocacy Services in 1999 as a Forensic Interviewer. She has received training from a number of nationally recognized organizations, including: The National Child Advocacy Center, The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Gunderson National Child Protection Training Center, Cornerhouse, and others.

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Recorded forensic interviews are a vital tool in child abuse investigations, including cases where the child is over the age of hearsay exception. However, many multidisciplinary teams shy away from interviewing older children/teenagers at a child advocacy center. This session will discuss the benefits of interviewing this specific subset of children and why it may be in the child's best interest. Participants will also learn how to address some of the potential concerns others may have with interviewing this age group of children.