

UTILIZING THE MDT TO
INVESTIGATE & PROSECUTE

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

IN INDIAN COUNTRY

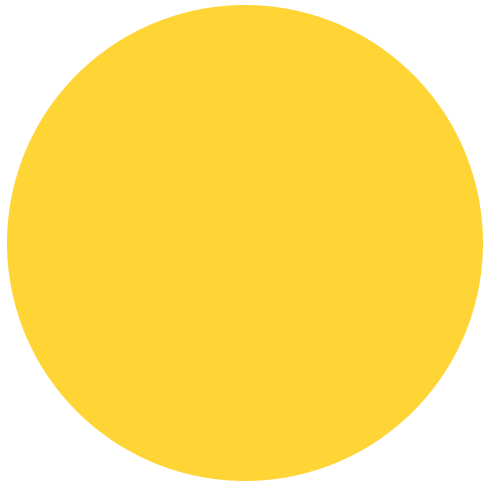
The Salt River Family Advocacy Center



Founded in 2009, the FAC's mission is to provide a secure and healing environment, utilizing a collaborative, multi-disciplinary team to reduce further harm to children and other vulnerable victims, while honoring the cultural values and traditions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

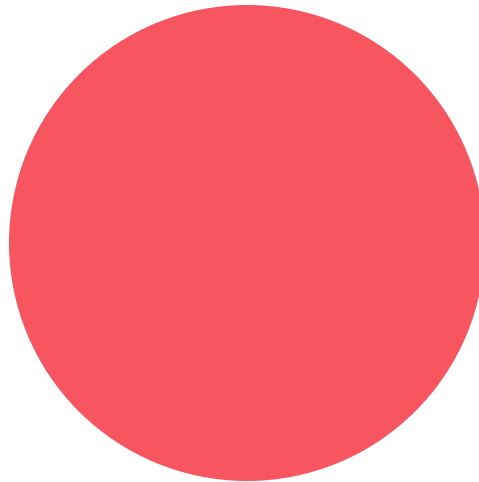


Our Philosophy



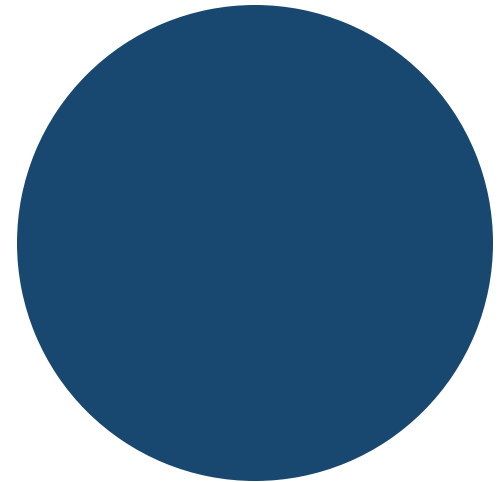
COMFORT

The victim is paramount.



INVESTIGATE

Strive to limit trauma.



COUNSEL

Follow-up care is key.

Comfort: Dignity for the Victim



SHOWER, FOOD

CLEAN CLOTHES

SAFETY, PRIVACY

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WHY COMFORT FIRST?

Victims deserve respect and personal dignity.

WHAT'S THE BENEFIT?

A scared victim who is in pain cannot be successfully interviewed.

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

It's a team effort, based on rapport, resources, and availability.



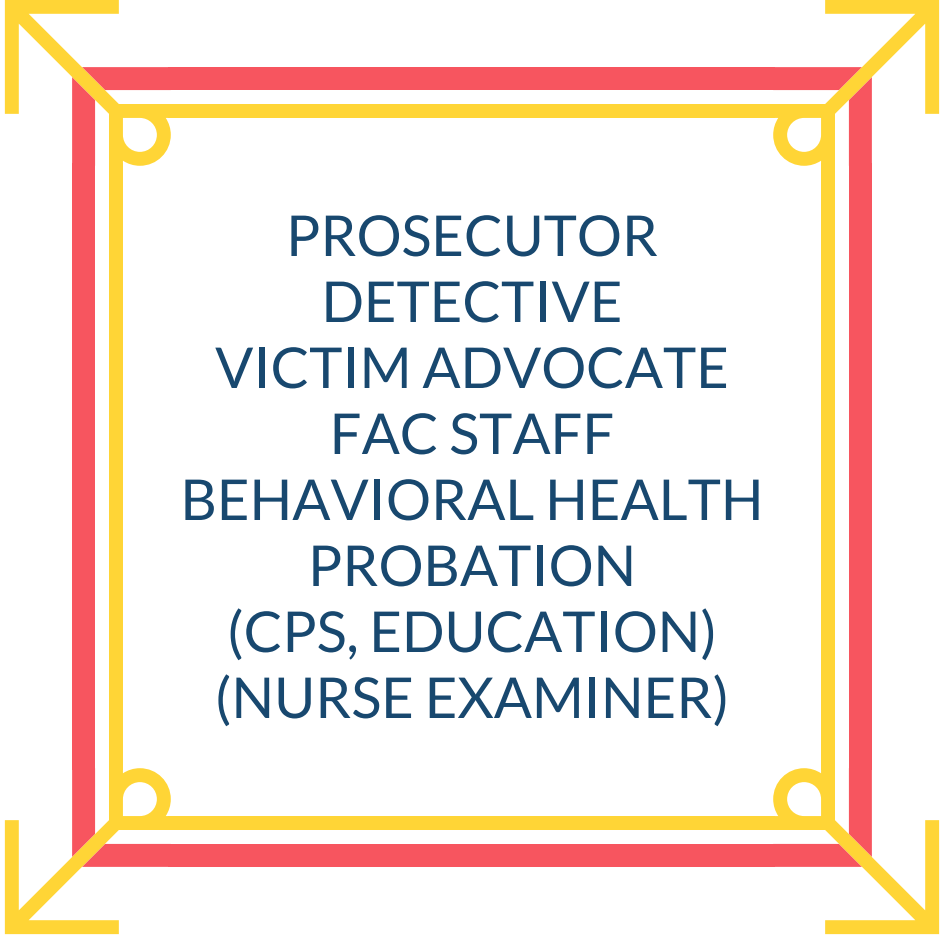
CULTURAL

surroundings

WILL HELP VICTIMS FEEL SAFE & COMFORTABLE



Investigate: Multi-Disciplinary Approach

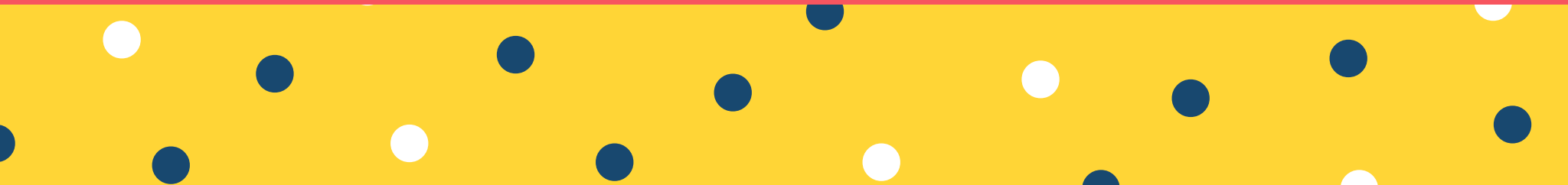


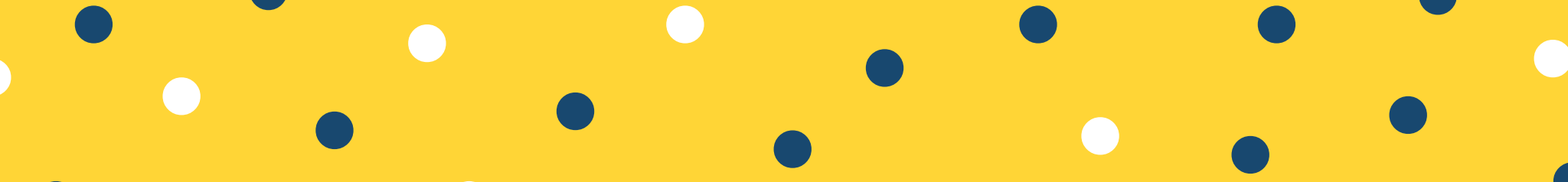
PROSECUTOR
DETECTIVE
VICTIM ADVOCATE
FAC STAFF
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
PROBATION
(CPS, EDUCATION)
(NURSE EXAMINER)



*Aim to interview the victim
only once.*

THIS REDUCES TRAUMA AND AVOIDS
IMPEACHMENT ISSUES AT TRIAL.



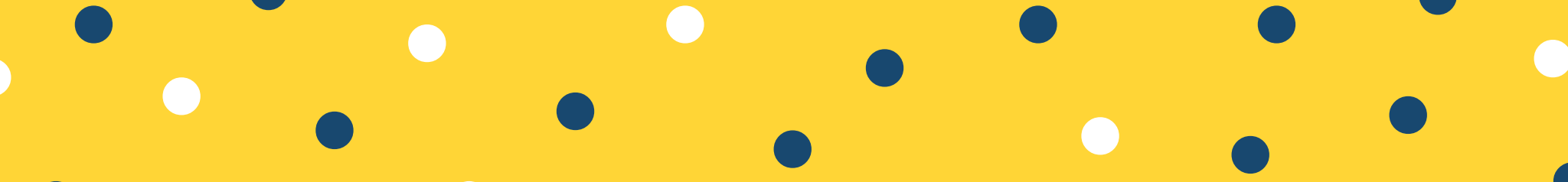


Choose a neutral, friendly
location for the interview.

THE LOCATION SHOULD BE NON-SUGGESTIVE
AND SHOULD FEEL SAFE, WHICH WILL
ENCOURAGE THE VICTIM TO DISCLOSE.

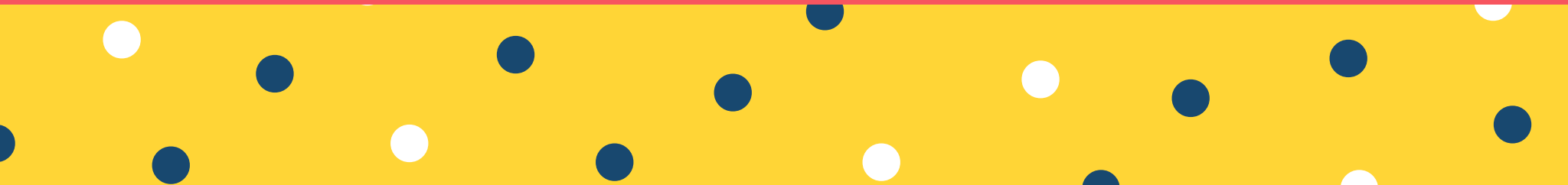


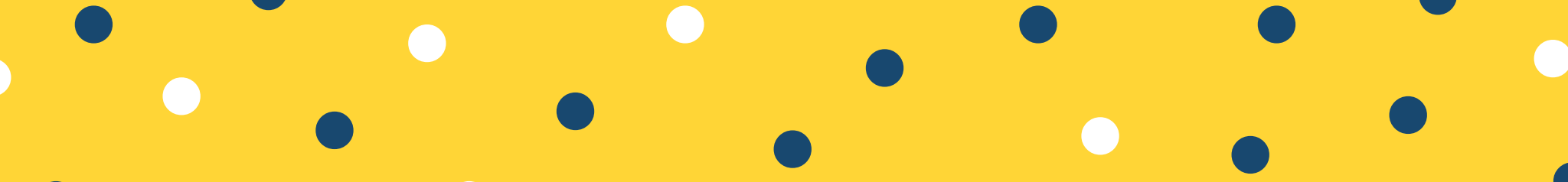




Use audio and video
recording equipment.

PRESERVING THE INTERVIEW IS VITAL.





Prepare for the interview, but don't script it.

THE PRE-INTERVIEW DISCUSSION WITH MDT MEMBERS IS VITAL IN ENSURING THAT THE INTERVIEWER OBTAINS ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION, BUT IF IT SOUNDS TOO SCRIPTED, THE VICTIM MAY NOT RESPOND.






The pre-interview discussion is
the multi-disciplinary
component of your investigation.

DISCUSS THE OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE
INTERVIEW, TOPICS TO BE COVERED, VITAL
DETAILS, AND WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW.





Continue to meet,
as often as needed.

AS THE CASE DEVELOPS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO
MEET SO THAT EVERY DEPARTMENT IS ON THE
SAME PAGE.



Counsel: Aftercare and Beyond



ARE INTERNAL SERVICES AVAILABLE?
WHO WILL MAKE REFERRALS?
WHO WILL LEAD FOLLOW-UP EFFORTS?

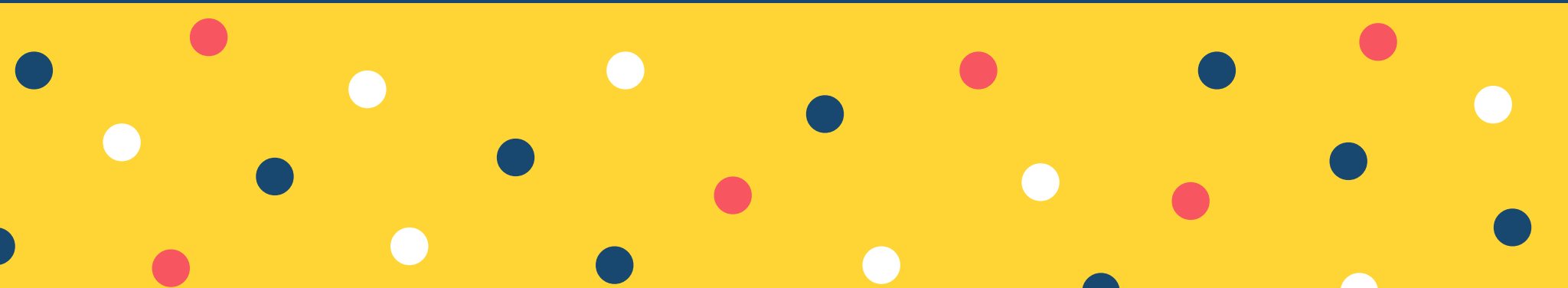
Identify

WHO IS THE CARE PROVIDER? DOES THE TRIBE HAVE SERVICES AVAILABLE? IF NOT, CAN THE TRIBE FUND SERVICES ELSEWHERE? ARE THERE FREE CARE PROVIDERS?



Strategize

HOW CAN THE TEAM FACILITATE ACCESS TO
COUNSELING AND OTHER AFTERCARE NEEDS?



Be Specific

REFER FOR SPECIFIC SERVICES (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, NEEDS OF CHILDREN, ELDER ABUSE). DON'T FORGET TO MAKE NEW REFERRALS AS NEEDS ARISE (AS TRIAL DATES APPROACH, IF AN OFFENDER IS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY, ETC).



Be Consistent

YOUR JOBS AREN'T OVER AFTER THE FIRST REFERRAL. VICTIMS NEED TO FEEL SUPPORTED THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS, SO KEEP IN TOUCH AND ADAPT TO THE VICTIM AS HER NEEDS CHANGE.





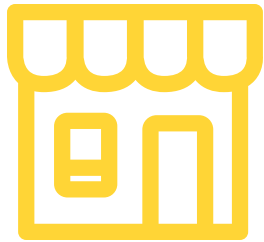
Remember



SOME VICTIMS AREN'T ABLE TO COOPERATE AT FIRST DUE TO THEIR PERSONAL SITUATIONS AND FAMILY DYNAMICS. BE RESPONSIVE AND CONSISTENT ANYWAY; THEY'LL COME TO YOU WHEN THEY CAN.



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FOR YOUR TIME