Non-Leading Interview Techniques

Criteria	Leading	Non-Leading
1. Must not contain the answer	 □ Did it happen at your apartment? □ Was your staff person there? □ Did he tell you not to tell anyone? 	☐ Where did it happen?☐ Who was there?☐ What was said to you?
2. Must not contain a choice of answers	 □ Was she wearing pants or shorts? □ Were you sitting up or lying down? □ Were you scared, angry, or sad? 	☐ Tell me what she looked like.☐ Where were you in the room?☐ How did you feel?
3. Must not name the suspect before the interviewee has identified him/her	 □ Did your roommate touch you? □ Did your guardian tell you to keep this a secret? □ We've been told you are having a problem with your bus driver 	☐ Who touched you?☐ Has anyone asked you to keep a secret?☐ Do you know why you are here?
4. Must not explain the details of the alleged offense	 Did he make you rub his penis up and down? Did white stuff come out of his penis? Which finger did she use to hurt you? 	☐ What did he do next?☐ Then what happened?☐ What was it that hurt you?
5. Must not contain the interviewer's assumptions	 We are going to ask some questions about what happened to you What kind of car did you go in? Where was the bed in the room? 	□ Do you know why you are here?□ How did you get there?□ Tell me about where your mom lives.