THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF CHILD ABUSE
TRADITIONAL
PROBLEM SOLVING
CRIMINAL STATUTES

1. CHILD ABUSE
2. CHILD NEGLECT
3. SEX ABUSE
CRIMINAL STATUTES NEED TO ACCURATELY REFLECT MEDICAL AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

1. ACES STUDY
2. BRAIN DEVELOPMENT
Successful prosecution requires multi-disciplinary work...

At every stage of the proceedings
1. LAW ENFORCEMENT
2. CHILD SERVICES
3. MEDICAL
4. CRIMINAL PROSECUTION
CREATION OF WRITTEN PROTOCOLS

- Medical
- CPS
- Law Enforcement
JOINT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CPS INTERVIEWS

CHILD PROTECTION CENTERS
1. BETTER INTERVIEW
2. FEWER INTERVIEWS
3. CHILD FRIENDLY
4. HEARSAY
REGISTER THE CHILDREN AS VICTIMS
TRIGGER VICTIM SERVICE
CHARGING DECISIONS

GET THE BEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK
NOT JUST A MOMENT IN TIME....

WE WANT THE WHOLE PICTURE
MORE INFO ALLOWS FOR BETTER DECISIONS
THINK OUTCOME BASED
HEALTHY CHILDREN IN SAFE AND HEALTHY FAMILY HOMES
COLLABORATIVE DECISION MAKING
CULTURE OF COOPERATION

1. MULTI-DISCIPLINARY
2. ON-GOING COMMUNICATION
3. STANDARDIZED PROCEDURES
4. BUY-IN FROM ALL PARTICIPANTS
5. PEER REVIEW
FULL PARTICIPATION
BUY IN BY ALL PARTIES

1. JUDGES
2. CPS
3. LAW ENFORCEMENT
4. PROSECUTION
5. CORRECTIONS
6. TREATMENT
WHY DO WE BOTHER?

Because of them
WE ARE THE VOICE FOR THE CHILDREN