

Interview

A rapport building approach to the interview is recommended.

Student of Concern – Younger Child

Name:

Location:

Interviewer(s) Name and Title:

Date and Time:

1. Thank you for talking with us today. We want to be able to understand the situation and make sure that everyone is safe. Can you tell us what happened?

2. What happened before that? Was this the first time that happened? How many times did it happen?

3. What did you think would happen? What did you want when you did that? What were you hoping would happen when/after you said/did that?

When did you decide to do this?

4. Were any other kids involved?

5. How are you feeling now? How okay are you on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 is really bad and 10 is really good)?

6. Is there anything making you mad right now? Are you really mad at anyone?

7. Are people being fair to you?

8. Has anything bad or stressful happened to you?

9. Are you really sad about anything?

10. Has anyone ever told you they were worried because of something you said or did? If yes, ask the student to describe that situation to provide context.

11. Do you know what suicide means? Have you been thinking about hurting/harming yourself or dying?

12. When you are sad, upset or going through something hard, what do you do to cope? What makes you feel better?

13. What do you know about guns/weapons?

Do you know where to get a gun/knife/weapon? (If yes, ask how/where).

Or if weapon involved- Where did you get it/why did you have it?

What were you planning to do next (to access the weapon or with weapon if acquired)?

14. What types of videos do you watch or search for on the internet/computer? Have you ever seen videos on the internet of weapons or people doing violent/scary things?

15. Do you think it would ever be okay to try and hurt other people?

16. Do you play any shooting or killing games?

17. Have you ever been in a fight? What were your feelings about it?

18. Have you ever hurt animals before?

19. Who are you friends with? What would they say about you if I talked to them?

20. What does your family think about what happened? Who is the person in your family or life that you can talk to best?

21. Is there anyone in your life that you trust enough to talk about important things or go to if something really bad happened?

22. Who are the people you think know you best?

23. Do you have any interests or hobbies? What do you like to do for fun?

24. When you encounter a problem, how do you typically solve it?

25. Is there anyone else that we should talk to as we are trying to understand this situation?

26. How has school been going for you?

27. Tell me about one good thing that has happened or that you like about school.

28. Do you have a cell phone? Are you on any social media? Will you show me your social media accounts/cell phone?

29. What feelings do you think (Target/Victim) is having right now?

30. What are some other ways we could work together to fix this issue/problem?

31. Is there anyone else that we should talk to as we are trying to understand this situation?

32. Is there anything else that was not asked that we should know about?