

Interview

A rapport building approach to the interview is recommended.

Witness/Peer – Younger Child *(person with relevant information)*

Witness/Peer/Interviewee Name:

School:

Grade:

Emergency Contact:

Relationship to the person of concern:

Interviewer(s) Name and Title:

Location, Date and Time:

1. Thank you for talking with us today. We are trying to keep students and the school safe so we wanted to check in with you to see if you can help us understand what is happening so we can make a plan to get everyone what they need.

2. How has school been going for you?

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

4. How has your relationship with (Student of Concern) been going?

5. Have you been worried or concerned about anything regarding (Student of Concern)?

6. Does (Student of Concern) have friends? Who are they friends with? Who do they hang around or play with?

7. How do you think (Student of Concern) treats other kids/friends?

8. How do you think other kids treat (Student of Concern)?

9. Are you worried that (Student of Concern) might hurt others physically? Be mean or disrespectful? If yes, what makes you think that? Have you seen or heard anything that makes you think that?

10. Has (Student of Concern) said they might do something or did they do something already that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable?

11. What have you said or done if they said they wanted to hurt or be mean to others?

12. When they (Student of Concern) become angry, frustrated, or upset, how do they usually react?

13. Have you ever heard of them (Student of Concern) using or talking about weapons? Do you know if (Student of Concern) has access to guns or other weapons?

14. Have you ever heard about the (Student of Concern) talking about hurting anyone or wrecking things?

15. Are you worried that they may try and hurt themselves?

16. Has anyone tried to help (Student of Concern) if they said or did something that was unsafe? Has anyone tried to help them if they had a problem? If anyone has tried to help, who?

17. Is there anyone else that we should talk to as we are trying to understand this situation/student better?

18. Is there anything I can do to help kids feel safe in school?

19. Is there anything else you want me to know?

20. Optional question based on age: Are you aware whether (the Student of Concern) is on social media? Do you know any usernames? Have they posted anything concerning? Are you willing to show us the posts/account?