

# ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR INTERVIEWING CHILDREN



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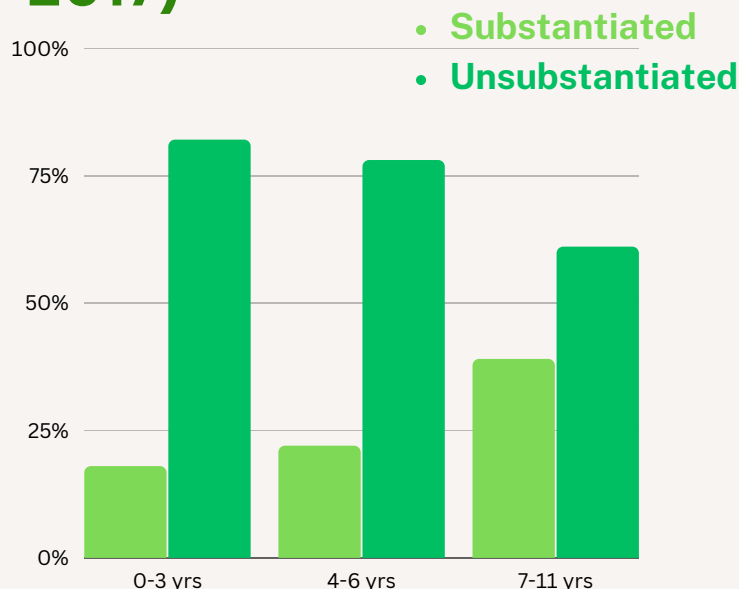
New Brunswick ranks 25% higher than all other provinces for rates of reported sexual violations against children that did not result in criminal charges.

**74%**

In New Brunswick, 74% of victims of sexual crimes that were deemed "unfounded" were between the ages of 0 and 18.

## SEXUAL ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS BY AGE GROUP (2012-2017)

Sexual abuse investigations with young children are more likely to be unsubstantiated. It is often assumed that children cannot effectively communicate what happened. However, the challenge is not with children's abilities to communicate, but with untrained interviewers and improper questioning techniques.

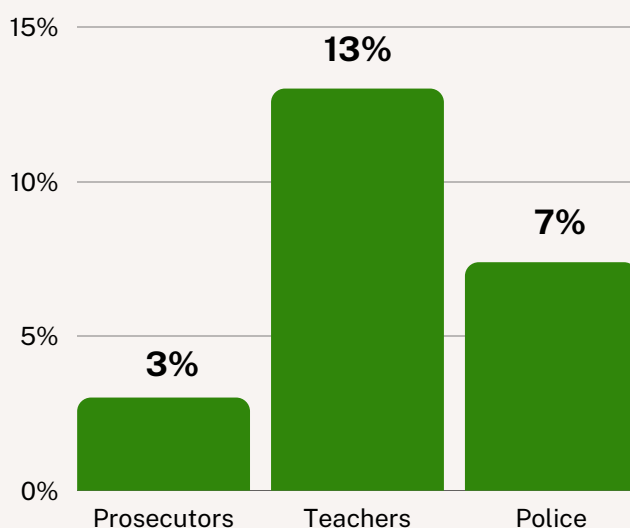


## 56% OF CHILD SEXUAL HARM REFERRALS ARE FROM FRONTLINE WORKERS

56% of the referrals to Social Development New Brunswick concerning child sexual harm are from service providers in the justice system (22%), healthcare system (18%), and school system (16%).

## INTERVIEW QUESTIONS MATTER

The use of open-ended questions in interviews with children is the most effective type of question to reach a disclosure. Even so, open-ended questions are the least used question type by **prosecutors, teachers, and police officers.**



Data retrieved from: Child Sexual Harm Advisory Committee. (2019). *Needs Analysis and Best Practices Review for the Increased Prevention and Intervention of Child Sexual Harm in New Brunswick.* <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ps-sp/pdf/Publications/review-child-sexual-harm-nb.pdf>

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## PARTICIPANT-CENTERED LEARNING

The Essential Skills for Interviewing Course is a 35-45 hour, self-paced, online course designed and delivered by the Centre for Investigative Interviewing, a global leader in the field.

## WHO SHOULD TAKE THE COURSE?

This course is relevant and valuable for professionals working with vulnerable persons in the sectors of domestic violence, sexual violence, child protection, criminal justice, education, healthcare, and more.



## LEARNING OBJECTIVES



The Essential Skills for Interviewing Children Course focuses on questioning strategies needed to: build rapport, encourage disclosures, keep the child talking, make the interview as stress-free as possible, and steer them towards providing important details while minimizing error.

## ENROLMENT

The cost to enrol in the Essential Skills for Interviewing Children course is \$1200 CAD for individuals. [To learn more about this course](#), please contact [fvrc@unb.ca](mailto:fvrc@unb.ca) or 506-453-3595.



**“The Essential Skills for Interviewing Children Course has been instrumental in putting my learning into action, and the immersive experience has helped me gain confidence in my practical skills.”**

-Bachelor of Social Work Student