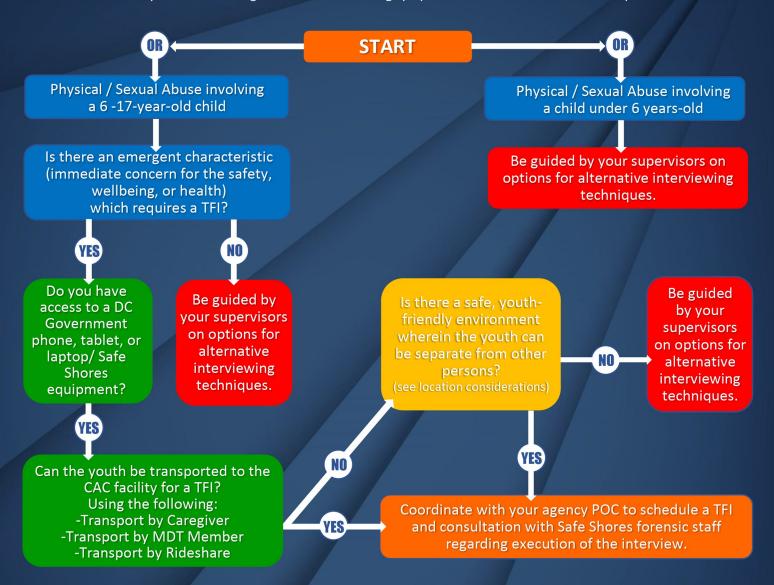
## **EMERGENCY TELE-FORENSIC INTERVIEW SCREENING PROTOCOL®**

NOTE: MDT Members should screen all members of household prior to in-person interactions.

Should child or family member be diagnosed with or showing symptoms of COVID-19 an alternative plan MUST be made.



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## **VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

- Safety and Comfort of Youth
- Developmental Level (Communication)
- Cognitive / Intellectual Delays
- Psychological & emotional wellbeing
- Physical Health
- Caregiver Support

## **LOCATION CONSIDERATIONS**

TFIs in the home environment are not recommended. Should that option be a necessity, please see the following considerations:

- Youth should be willing and comfortable to participate in the interview process.
- Consider variables regarding distractibility and ensure interruptions are mitigated.
- Consider the management of the child's needs and behaviors during the interview.
- Cases involving intra-familial offences wherein the perpetrator lives or stays at the residence of the complainant are not permitted to be conducted in that residence.
- Chosen space is not permitted to be where the offense occurred.
- Does the location have adequate insulation to damper the sound of the interview?
- Space should have privacy to eliminate influence, intimidation, and contamination.
- Interviews should not take place in public settings such as in vehicles or on front porches.
- Discuss the room setup, equipment placement & other considerations with your team.