

STRUCTURING YOUR INTERVIEWS USING THE PEACE MODEL

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Planning and Preparation

Thoroughly review the case, identify key themes and relevant questions, and determine what needs clarification or evidence before the interview.

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Engage and Explain

Establish rapport, explain the purpose and process clearly, and ensure the individual feels safe and informed before proceeding.

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Account

Encourage the individual to share their full account without interruption, ask open-ended questions, and clarify details respectfully if inconsistencies arise.

C

Closure

During closure, summarize key points, offer the individual a chance to clarify, address concerns, outline next steps, and express gratitude for their participation.

E

Evaluation

In the Evaluation stage, assess consistency with evidence, reflect on the interview process, and document key insights and credibility considerations.



The **PEACE model** offers a structured, ethical, and effective approach to investigative interviewing. It supports fairness, enhances credibility assessments, and improves the quality of information gathered.