

Examples: Helpful Questions & Invitations

Narrative Practice

- ◆ *“I’d like to get to know you better—tell me about things you like to do.”*
 - ◆ Recent **event**: *“Tell me everything about ____.”* (e.g., *“your last soccer game,” “the 1st day of school,”* etc.)
- OR** ◆ *“Tell me everything that happened today, from when you woke up, until you got here.”*
- ◆ *“Tell me more about ____.”* *“Then what happened?”* *“What happened next, after ____?”*
“Tell me everything you saw/heard.” *“Tell me everything that happened from ____ until ____.”*

Transition

- ◇ *“Tell me why you’re here today.”* *“It’s really important that we know everything that happened.”*
- ◇ *“Why do you think I wanted to talk to you?”* *“What did ____ tell you about talking to me today?”*
- ◇ *“Did someone [talk to you/tell you] about what I wanted to talk to you about?”*
- ◇ *“I heard something might have happened. Tell me what happened.”*
- ◇ **If previous statement**: *“I heard you talked to [name] about something that happened. Tell me what happened.”*
- ◇ **If observable injury**: *“I see you have [a burn, a cut, a bandage, bruises, etc.]. Tell me everything about that.”*
- ◇ **Someone’s worried**: *“Is [name] worried about something that happened? Tell me what [name] is worried about.”*
- ◇ **Bothered you**: *“I heard someone might have bothered you. Tell me what happened.”*
- ◇ **Something that wasn’t right**: *“I heard someone may have done something that wasn’t right. Tell me about that.”*

Substantive Questions

- ◆ *“Tell me everything about [child’s words], from the beginning to the end.”*
- ◆ *“You said ____ - tell me more about ____.”* *“Then what happened?”* *“What happened next, after ____?”*
- ◆ *“Tell me everything that happened from _____ until _____.”*
- ◆ *“How do you know?”* *“How did you figure that out?”*
- ◆ *“Think about what it looked/sounded like.”* *“Tell me everything you saw/heard.”*
- ◆ *“How did that make you feel?”* *“What were you thinking when ____?”* *“How did that make your body feel?”*
- ◆ *“You said _____, tell me all about that.”* *“I heard something about ____.* *Tell me all about that.”*
- ◆ *“I’m confused, tell me again.”*

Closure

- ◇ *“Is there something else you want to tell me right now?”*