

Appendix 4

Narrative Assessment Profile Modified Coding Criteria

Participant 1

Narrative dimensions

Coding criteria

Topic maintenance (refers to how well all the various utterances in a narrative relate to a central theme)

2 = Almost all utterances on topic (Appropriate)
 1 = Most on topic; off-topic associations, e.g., likes, dislikes, etc. (Variable)
 0 = Most utterances are off-topic and/or topic is difficult to discern (Inappropriate)

Event sequencing (involves the order of presentation of events in which events must be presented in either chronological or logical order)

2 = All events in chronological order. (Appropriate)
 1 = Most events chronologically ordered (Variable)
 0 = No chronological ordering (or most not in order) (Inappropriate)

Informativeness-police officer (implies factual information of the type and level of detail required by a police officer)

2 = All specific information necessary to understand experience is provided or implied; credit should be given for easily inferred information (Appropriate)
 1 = Most specific information provided but omissions of a few important points (for example, beginning, middle, or resolution), - leaving the listener with some questions as to what happened (Variable)
 0 = Not enough information (or too much information) to make sense of what happened (Inappropriate)

Informativeness-chef (requires the narrative "ingredients" which constitute the recipe for a good narrative, specifically: 1) *orientation indexed by time, place, situation, and participants*; 2) *complication indexed by the conflict generated from the events and happenings* and 3) *evaluation indexed by meaning and significance of some events*).

2 = All three ingredients must be present and appropriate in proportion; they provide enough information, leaving no gaps and/or creating no "noise" that impedes understanding (Appropriate)
 1 = Two ingredients are present without important gaps (Variable)
 0 = One or no ingredients are present (Inappropriate)
 Ingredients are orientation, complication, and evaluation