Storytelling Ethics Checklist

- Did someone meet with the participant to discuss the pros and cons of contributing her story?
- Does the participant understand how her story will be shared?
- Is there any part of her story she doesn’t want to share?
- Can this story negatively impact this participant now or in the future?
- Do any of the words used reinforce stigma or shame about the situation or background?
- Do the photos and video reveal any surroundings or images that should not be shared (i.e., license plates, background faces, street addresses)?
- Is the photo appealing and absent of any content imagery that might be perceived as pejorative (like an ashtray in the background, or something messy or broken?)
- Is the release form signed for participant, child and county worker?
- Do I have participant contact information for follow-up questions?