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Did you know?

Depending on the circumstance, children and young people from 3 years old to 17 years old who have been involved in an abuse event may be interviewed by a Child Forensic Interviewer.

The Child Forensic Interview may be submitted as the child's evidence in court, and the decisions made by professionals engaged in this process, before and after the interview, can significantly impact the statement's admissibility, and the child.

TRAINING ADVANCED PROTOCOLS IN CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS FOR OUTSIDE THE INTERVIEW ROOM

We are a federally incorporated non-profit providing training and response guides for professionals responding to child abuse. From the time of the initial report through until court and each stage in between, our protocols offer professionals **key decision making principles** and **practical application based strategies** that will enhance the integrity of investigations, while reducing the impact on children and families.

TAKE AWAYS:

- Hard Copy and Digital Reference Guide
- Resources and Quick Reference Sheets
- Practical application based protocols that apply widely
- Enhanced understanding of trauma informed practice that guides decision making in high jeopardy child abuse investigations
- Standardized, evidence based response that strengthens the justice process

CARS Training



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Child Abuse Response Strategies (CARS) - 1 Day in person Training

CARS is a first of its kind offering in Canada. While there are many agencies collaborating to support child abuse investigations, there is no standardized practice guide for responding to child abuse: until now. This one day training covers practical application based strategies for law enforcement and child welfare professionals from the time of the initial report, through until court and each stage between. With the Child Forensic Interview (CFI) at the nexus of most child involved investigations, participants will gain skills that are immediately applicable to inform their decision making, enabling collaboration, while protecting the integrity of the CFI as valuable evidence.

CARS participants receive:

CCFIPA's 85 page guide "Child Abuse Response Strategies" (hard copy and digital)

Resources (hard copy and digital):

- First Disclosure Witness Statement Guide
- Talking to Caregivers Info Sheet
- CFI Monitor's Reference Sheet
- Multiple Child Victim or Witness Interview Blueprint
- Trial Preparation Checksheet - Professionals
- Trial Preparation - Supporting Children

Who should attend?

CARS is suitable for anyone responding to, or supervising, reports of child abuse including law enforcement, child welfare or Crown prosecutors. Whether a patrol unit, specialized investigators, supervisors, or child interviewers we all carry an important piece of this complex response mechanism within our Multi-Disciplinary Teams. Standardizing protocols only enhances the integrity of investigations, while reducing harm on the children and families we serve.

A-CARS Training



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Advanced Child Abuse Response Strategies (A-CARS) - 2 Day in person Training

Recognizing the Child Forensic Interview as the central component of most child involved investigations, A-CARS ensures the foundational, standardized response protocols are in place (as detailed in CARS training above), with additional modules addressing more advanced challenges within the Child Forensic Interview.

A-CARS is a 2 day training that guides attendees through CARS training in addition to CFI Troubleshooting, using scenario-based learning. Looking at some of the most common roadblocks that occur within the CFI, while providing trauma-informed response strategies, attendees will come away with the understanding and skills to reference and apply throughout many CFI scenarios. These principles apply widely regardless of the participant's existing protocol training and is aligned with evidence-based, best practices in the field.

A-CARS participants receive:

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Resources (hard copy and digital):

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- Multiple Child Victim or Witness Interview Blueprint
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- Trial Preparation - Supporting Children
- If/Then Template

Who should attend?

While A-CARS is meant to complement, not compete with, existing CFI training attendees with basic or advanced interview training are welcome, in addition to anyone who may be involved in monitoring child forensic interviews.