



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Finding Words/Child First New Jersey Forensic Interview Training Program

September 19 – 23, 2022

September 19, 2022, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

September 20, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

September 21, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

September 22, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

September 23, 2022, 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Morris County Public Safety Training Academy
500 W. Hanover Ave, Parsippany NJ**

Program Summary

Finding Words/ChildFirst® New Jersey is an intensive five-day training course in which students learn the skills required to conduct a competent investigative interview of a child abuse victim using the ChildFirst forensic interview process. The interactive course combines lectures with demonstrations and hands-on practice. Students will interview a child about a non-abuse event and an actor playing the role of an abused child and receive feedback from an expert forensic interviewer. FW/CF NJ will provide prosecutors, law enforcement officers, mental health clinicians and child welfare investigators with skills that enhance their ability to speak to and for abused children.

Eligibility

This program is open to assistant prosecutors, deputy attorneys general in the Division of Criminal Justice and the Division of Law's DCF Practice Group and law enforcement officers employed by county prosecutors' offices and municipal police departments who have been invited to attend.

Faculty

Dr. Jason J. Dickinson is a professor of psychology at Montclair State University. He codirects the Talking Lab (thetalkinglab.com) with Dr. Nicole Lytle. They are developing recommendations for interviewing fresh complaint witnesses to improve the reliability of hearsay testimony in child maltreatment investigations and their research on tele-forensic interviewing has been instrumental in shaping policy and training initiatives for safely conducting forensic interviews with children during the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Dickinson is an internationally recognized expert and scholar on children's eyewitness testimony and forensic interviewing. He earned his Ph.D. in legal psychology from Florida International University and his B.S. from Central Michigan University.

Anthony V. D'Urso, Psy.D. is a graduate professor of psychology at Montclair State University and the Director of Child First/Finding Words – New Jersey. Dr. D'Urso is also the supervising psychologist at The Audrey Hepburn Children's House, the Northern Regional Diagnostic Center for Child Abuse and Neglect located at Hackensack University Medical Center. For over twenty years, Dr. D'Urso has directed mental health programs for maltreated children at three major New Jersey hospital systems. Dr. D'Urso is the former chairman of the New Jersey Child Fatality/Near Fatality Review Board, which reviews all New Jersey child fatalities and recommends preventative measures. Dr. D'Urso has been a longtime member of the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and co-founded the New Jersey Child Sexual Abuse Training Institute, a funded initiative of the Task Force, for training and development of multi-disciplinary practices in the investigation and management of criminal and civil child abuse cases. Dr. D'Urso's professional expertise includes forensic psychology and the evaluation of child abuse within familial settings, as well as the assessment and risk propensity for sexual offenders. He received a doctorate in psychology from The Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology at Rutgers University.

Dr. Martin A. Finkel, DO, F.A.C.O.P., F.A.A.P., is a Professor of Pediatrics and the Medical Director and co-founder of the Child Abuse Research Education & Service (CARES) Institute at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine. The CARES Institute was designated in 2004 as a statewide resource to inform best practices in the delivery of medical and mental health diagnostic and treatment services. Dr. Finkel is an internationally recognized authority on the medical evaluation and treatment children who allege sexual abuse. He was instrumental in developing New Jersey's statewide network of child abuse diagnostic and treatment centers, which provide services for sexually and physically abused children and educate professionals within the medical, child protection, law enforcement, and mental health communities on the evaluation of child victims. Dr. Finkel has been appointed by eight Governors to co-chair with the Commissioner of Children and Families, New Jersey's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. Dr. Finkel received his medical degree from Michigan State University and his B.S. from Millersville University of Pennsylvania.

Christopher J. Freid is a Senior Assistant Prosecutor in the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit. He advises the unit's investigative team on child physical and sexual abuse cases and prosecutes these cases in court. Prior to joining the PCPO, Mr. Freid was an Assistant Prosecutor in the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, serving in the Domestic Violence Unit. He is also an adjunct professor at Montclair State University's Center for Child Advocacy. Mr. Freid holds a Bachelor of Arts from Fordham University in New York and a J.D. from Quinnipiac University School of Law in Hamden, Connecticut.

Giselle Henriquez is the Director of the Passaic County Child Advocacy Center for the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office. She is also a Bilingual Child Interview Specialist, conducting forensic interviews of potential child abuse victims. Ms. Henriquez is a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, the Passaic County Special Commission on Missing and Abused Children, and the Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council. She holds a certification as a child interviewer from the American Prosecutor's Research Institute. Ms. Henriquez received a Bachelor's in Social Work degree from Ramapo College of New Jersey.

Anne-Marie Truppo is a lieutenant in the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, where she is assigned to the Sex Crimes/Child Endangerment and Megan's Law Units. She investigates allegations of juvenile and adult sexual assault and abuse, child physical abuse, neglect and endangerment. Lt. Truppo has testified in numerous hearings, motions and trials pertaining to child interviews and serves as an instructor for the Morris County Prosecutor's Office annual Sex Crimes Investigation Course. Lt. Truppo has also served as the Field Training Detective, Detective/Supervisor and Sergeant within the SC/CEU. Lt. Truppo previously worked in the Narcotics/Gambling, Domestic Violence, Missing Persons and General Investigations Units of the MCPO. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA, and has attended graduate classes at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 36.8 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

*****See next pages for timed agenda*****

Child First/Finding Words NJ

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Agenda

Date	Time	Topic
Monday Sept. 19	7:30am - 8:15am	Registration & Pre-Test
	8:15am - 9:00am	Welcome & Overview of Training
	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Effective Interviewing
	10:00 am - 10:10 am	Break
	10:10 am - 12:00pm	How Children Experience Sexual Abuse
	12:00 pm - 1pm	Lunch
	1:00 pm - 2:20 pm	Child Development
	2:20 pm - 2:30 pm	Break
	2:30 pm - 3:05 pm	Process of Disclosure
	3:05 pm - 3:15 pm	Break
	3:15 pm - 4:55 pm	Questioning Children
	4:55 pm - 5 pm	Daily Evaluations & Announcements
Tuesday Sept. 20	8am - 9:30 am	ChildFirst Forensic Interview Protocol
	9:30am - 9:40am	Break
	9:40am - 11am	ChildFirst Forensic Interview Protocol
	11 am - 11:15am	Break
	11:15am - 12pm	ChildFirst Forensic Interview Protocol
	12 pm - 1 pm	Lunch
	1 pm - 2:00 pm	Review of the Process
	2:00 pm - 2:10 pm	Break
	2:10 pm - 3:30 pm	Anatomical Dolls
	3:30 pm - 3:40 pm	Break
	3:40 pm - 4:55 pm	Blocks & Block Removal in the Interview Process
	4:55 pm - 5pm	Daily Evaluations & Announcements
Wednesday Sept. 21	8am - 9:30am	Corroboration
	9:30am - 9:40am	Break
	9:40am - 11:00 am	Testifying in court
	11:00 am - 11:15 am	Break
	11:15 am - 12:15am	Hearsay & The Child Victim: Getting Out-of-Court Statements into Court
	12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch
	1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Preparing the Child Witness for Court
	2:15pm - 2:30 pm	Break
	2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Medical Evaluations
	3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Daily Evaluations & Announcements

Date	Time	Topic
Thursday Sept. 22	8am - 10 am	Potential Sources of Error in Children's Eyewitness Testimony
	10 am - 10:15am	Break
	10:15 am - 10:30am	Skill Building Exercise: Crossword Puzzle
	10:30 am - 11am	Course Review
	11am	Break into Small Groups
	11am - 11:10am	Actor Interview instructions
	11:10am - 11:55am	Exercise: Student Interview # Feedback #1
	11:55am - 12:40 pm	Exercise: Student Interview # Feedback #2
	12:40 pm - 1:40 pm	Lunch
	1:40pm - 2:25pm	Exercise: Student Interview # Feedback #3
	2:25pm - 3:10pm	Exercise: Student Interview # Feedback #4
	3:10pm - 3:20pm	Break
	3:20pm - 4:05pm	Exercise: Student Interview # Feedback #5
	4:05pm - 4:50pm	Exercise: Student Interview # Feedback #6
	4:55pm - 5pm	Daily Evaluations & Announcements
Friday Sept. 23	8:15am - 9am	Exercise: Student Interview # Feedback #7
	9am - 9:45am	Exercise: Student Interview # Feedback #8
	9:45am - 10am	Break
	10am - 10:45am	Exercise: Student Interview # Feedback #9
	10:45am - 11:30am	Exercise: Student Interview # Feedback #10
	11:30am - 1:00 pm	Lunch/Study
	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Final Exam
	2:00pm - 2:30pm	Closing Ceremony & Awarding of Certificates
	2:30pm - 3pm	Overall Evaluations