

Children's Justice Trainings

Prevent Child Abuse Arizona



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Children’s Justice Trainings

Children's Justice Trainings are courses designed to improve the investigations of crimes involving child maltreatment in a trauma-sensitive, developmentally-appropriate way. Unless otherwise noted, Children's Justice Trainings are *exclusively* for investigators of crimes involving child maltreatment, including law enforcement, DCS investigators, prosecutors, forensic interviewers, and tribal CPS investigators.

Cost: Children's Justice Trainings are free of charge thanks to funding from the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family.

Title	Length
<i>Recommended or Required by County Protocols:</i>	
1) Basic Investigations of Child Physical Abuse Crimes & Child Homicide	8 hrs.*
2) Basic Investigations of Child Sexual Abuse Crimes	8 hrs.*
3) One-Party Consent Calls	4 hrs.*
<i>General Training</i>	
4) Abuse, Trauma, and Forensic Interviewing (for non-investigators only)	4 hrs.
5) Police Officers, SROs and Forensic Interviewing (for police officers and SROs only)	2 hrs.*
6) Child Abuse Within a Religious Setting	2 hrs.*
7) Criminal Jurisdiction in American Indian Country & Child Abuse	2 hrs.*
8) Seeing Red – Identifying and Responding to the Red Flags of Child Abuse	2 hrs.*
<i>Investigation Trainings</i>	
9) Basic Forensic Interviewing in Child Abuse Cases	8 hrs.*
10) Legal Considerations in Child Abuse Forensic Interviews	2 hrs.*
11) Interviewing Child Abuse Suspects	8 hrs.*
12) Continuing Forensic Interviewing	8 hrs.*
13) Human Trafficking Investigation	2 hrs.*
14) The Offender in Child Sexual Abuse Cases	2 hrs.*
15) Medical Aspects of Abusive Head Trauma Investigations	2 hrs.*
16) Courtroom Preparation for Cases Involving Child Maltreatment	8 hrs.*
17) Developmental & Linguistic Considerations for Interviewing Young Children	2 hrs.*
18) Interviewing Traumatized Children and Adults	2 hrs.*
19) Memory & Suggestibility	2 hrs.*
20) Peer Review: Keeping Forensic Interview Skills Sharp	2 hrs.

* Means the course may be AZPOST eligible depending on your agency

How to Request a Training

You may request to host a training by contacting Simone Tavassoli at simone@pcaaz.org or (602) 640-4641. Trainings require a room that is free of charge (including parking), hold a minimum of 40 participants, and have A/V capabilities. Visit pcaaz.org to review the training calendar and register for an already scheduled training.

Children's Justice Grant Training Descriptions

Recommended or Required by County Protocols:

1. Basic Investigations of Child Physical Abuse Crimes & Homicide

Course Description: To improve the investigation and prosecution of physical child abuse and child homicide cases by teaching investigators investigative, medical investigative, and charging best practices that are child-sensitive, developmentally-appropriate, and legally-defensible.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, professionals with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, and Prosecutors

Training Hours: 8

***May be AZPOST eligible with agency approval**

2. Basic Investigations of Child Sexual Abuse Crimes

Course Description: To improve the investigation and prosecution of sexual child abuse cases by teaching investigators investigative, medical investigative, and charging best practices that are child-sensitive, developmentally appropriate, and legally-defensible.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, professionals with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, and Prosecutors

Training Hours: 8

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3. One-Party Consent Calls

Course Description: To improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases by teaching investigators confrontation call best practices that are child-sensitive, developmentally-appropriate, and legally-defensible.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, professionals with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, and Prosecutors

Training Hours: 4

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General Training

4. Abuse, Trauma and Forensic Interviewing (for non-investigators only)

Course Description: This half-day training is designed to inform key stakeholders on the value of non-investigatory roles when working with child abuse victims. Specific topics presented include preconditions of child abuse, disclosure barriers and facilitators, and how to support victims going through the legal system.

Who Should Attend: This training is specifically designed for non-investigative professionals with duties that include dealing with children who are involved in abuse cases, including DCS Case Managers, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Guardian Ad Litem, Victim Advocates, Crisis Interventionists and Counselors.

Training Hours: 4

5. Police Officers, SROs and Forensic Interviewing (for Police Officers and SROs only)

Course Description: To improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases by teaching first responders how to gather the appropriate information using protocol-informed best practices.

Who Should Attend: Patrol officers and School Resource Officers

Training Hours: 2

***May be AZPOST eligible with agency approval**

6. Child Abuse Within a Religious Setting

Course Description: This training will help law enforcement and religious leaders better understand their roles and responsibilities in child abuse cases by imparting legal requirements.

Who Should Attend: Religious professionals and volunteers, law enforcement, forensic interviewers, county attorneys, DCS Investigators, family service professionals, and medical professionals.

Training Hours: 2

***May be AZPOST eligible with agency approval**

7. Criminal Jurisdiction in American Indian Country & Child Abuse

Course Description: To improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases by teaching investigators about Tribal Jurisdiction and best practices for working with tribal communities.

Who Should Attend: Professionals with duties that include or will include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, forensic interviewers, county attorneys, DCS Investigators, and medical professionals.

Training Hours: 2

***May be AZPOST eligible with agency approval**

8. Seeing Red – Identifying and Responding to the Red Flags of Child Abuse

Course Description: This course examines a case involving the sexual abuse of a girl from age 11 into her adulthood under the guise of a polygamous marriage. The purpose of this course is to use this case to highlight the missed opportunities of identifying indicators of sexual, physical and emotional abuse and to demonstrate how getting a complete picture of the family and cultural dynamics increases the chances of a successful case outcome.

Who Should Attend: Professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment or dealing with children who have experienced maltreatment, such as law enforcement, forensic interviewers, county attorneys, DCS Investigators, School Resource Officers, DCS Case Managers, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Guardian Ad Litem, Medical Professionals, and Counselors.

Training Hours: 2

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Investigation Trainings

9. Basic Forensic Interviewing in Child Abuse Cases

Course Description: To improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases by teaching investigators interview techniques that gather the greatest amount of reliable information in a child-

sensitive, developmentally-appropriate, and legally-defensible manner.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, professionals with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, and Prosecutors.

Training Hours: 8

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10. Legal Considerations in Child Abuse Forensic Interviews

Course Description: To improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases by teaching investigators/prosecutors about laws that affect evidence and testimony.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, professionals with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, and Prosecutors.

Training Hours: 2

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11. Interviewing Child Abuse Suspects

Course Description: This training focuses on the legal issues and techniques of interviewing adults suspected of committing child abuse, and is designed to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases by teaching investigators interview techniques that gather the greatest amount of reliable information. Some information regarding interviewing juveniles suspected of child abuse is also included.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, professionals with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, and Prosecutors.

Training Hours: 8

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12. Continuing Forensic Interviewing

Course Description: To continue to improve techniques for investigative interviews of children and adult victims of sex crimes and in order to reduce additional trauma to the victim. This course is focused on the latest research-based techniques recommended for use in the forensic interview.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively for lead investigators of child maltreatment crimes, including detectives, DCS investigators, designated Forensic Interviewers, and Prosecutors who completed the Advanced Forensic Interview Training.

Training Hours: 8

***May be AZPOST eligible with agency approval**

13. Human Trafficking Investigation

Course Description: This presentation will provide investigators and prosecutors with insight in to the culture and dynamics of child sex trafficking, a basic understanding of pimp culture and the unique circumstances involved in the prostitution of minors. Concrete suggestions on how to build a case with

unique types of corroboration will be included.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, professionals with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, and Prosecutors.

Training Hours: 2

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14. The Offender in Child Sexual Abuse Cases

Course Description: To improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases by teaching investigators/prosecutors about the process of child sexual abuse from the offender's point of view.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, professionals with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, and Prosecutors.

Training Hours: 2

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15. Medical Aspects of Abusive Head Trauma Investigations

Course Description: To improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases by teaching stakeholders how to identify the physical injuries caused by child abuse events, specifically those related to abusive head trauma.

Who Should Attend: Professionals with duties that include or will include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, forensic interviewers, county attorneys, DCS Investigators, and medical professionals.

Training Hours: 2

***May be AZPOST eligible with agency approval**

16. Courtroom Preparation for Cases Involving Child

Course Description: To improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases by teaching investigators/prosecutors courtroom testimony protocols, child victim testimony protocols, expert witness protocols/techniques, jury selection, witness techniques, best practices for pre-trial interviewing, and meeting untrue defenses.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include investigating cases involving child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, professionals with the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, and Prosecutors.

Training Hours: 8

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17. Developmental & Linguistic Considerations for Interviewing

Course Description: This course is designed to teach investigators practical techniques that promote developmentally-appropriate, forensically-sound communication with young children, teenagers, and neurodivergent populations.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, forensic interviewers, and prosecutors.

Training Hours: 2

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18. Interviewing Traumatized Children and Adults

Course Description: This course is designed to teach the biological, emotional, and cognitive impact of trauma while providing evidence-based, trauma-responsive strategies that mitigate stress and enhance communication and memory retrieval.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, and prosecutors.

Training Hours: 2

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19. Memory & Suggestibility

Course Description: This course is designed to teach what impacts memory and provide practical strategies to minimize suggestibility while obtaining the most accurate memory in investigative interviews.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals with duties that include interviewing suspected victims of child maltreatment, such as law enforcement, DCS professionals, and prosecutors.

Training Hours: 2

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20. Peer Review: Keeping Forensic Interview Skills Sharp

Course Description: This course is designed to be an opportunity for professionals to improve their forensic interview skills by discussing techniques to address emerging challenges. This will strengthen their ability to gather the greatest amount of reliable information in a sensitive, developmentally-appropriate, and legally-defensible manner.

Who Should Attend: This training is exclusively designed for professionals who conduct forensic interviews.

Training Hours: 2