



# Wisconsin Forensic Interview Guidelines Training

**April 29 – May 3, 2019**  
**Holiday Inn | Marshfield, WI**

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## Description of Training

This five-day, interactive program is designed to introduce participants to the Wisconsin Forensic Interview Guidelines. Learners will develop forensic interview skills by increasing their knowledge of the process of disclosure, the impact of language and development, effects of trauma, and question strategies that contribute to dynamics of memories and suggestibility. Learners will also engage in practice opportunities for conducting developmentally appropriate forensic interviews of child alleged as child abuse victims or children who have witnessed abuse or violence. All content will be reflected in the concept that forensic interviews have the purpose of gathering accurate information from children about events they experience.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to space being limited, not all applicants will be accepted. This training will be conducted regionally across the state up to 4 times per year. Because of limited space, we often have to limit the training to 2 per county, at least initially.

## Program Goal and Outcomes

The goal of the program is to provide training in legally sound forensic interview approaches that are child-centered. As a result of the program, learners will be able to:

- Apply developmentally and culturally appropriate techniques in forensic interviews of children who are alleged as victims and/or witnesses of abuse and/or violence.
- Employ interview strategies that maximize accurate information from children and minimize the impact of the interviews on children.
- Utilize legally sound interview techniques appropriate for use in court testimony.

## Target Audience

The program is specifically designed for professionals who seek to enhance their ability to conduct forensic interviews of children and adolescents. These professionals can include, but are not limited to, forensic interview specialists, law enforcement officers, child protective service workers, and juvenile justice personnel. This training also has value to members of the multidisciplinary team (MDT) who observe forensic interviews or who conduct child abuse investigations. Although the purpose of this training is skill development, MDT members who complete the training will be more aware of the forensic interview process and will understand how the forensic interview guides other investigative activities and prosecution. In addition, MDT members who complete this course will more fully understand forensic

interviewing and will hopefully engage in the observation of forensic interviews in a way that is knowledgeable and supportive of best practices.

Those who should apply for this training are those who conduct regular forensic interviews and engage in peer review, as is best practice.

## Training Agenda\*

\*Subject to change.

### Monday, April 29, 2019

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration & Pre-test
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Introduction to Course, Instructors, and Participants
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Overview of Child Forensic Interviews
9:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Memory, Suggestibility, and the Impact of Question Types
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	LUNCH - on your own
12:45 PM - 2:15 PM	Understanding Language & Child Development
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Understanding the Disclosure Process & Abuse Dynamics
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	Generating Multiple Hypotheses & Interviewing in a Cultural Context

*\*There will be (2) 15-minute breaks – one in the AM, one in the PM.*

### Tuesday, April 30, 2019

8:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Wisconsin Forensic Interview Guidelines Preparing for the Interview Introduction & Orienting the Child Interview Instructions & Oath Narrative Event Practice
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	LUNCH - on your own
12:45 PM - 4:30 PM	Wisconsin Forensic Interview Guidelines Transition to Topic Detail Gathering, Corroboration, & Clarification Concluding the Interview Role of Multidisciplinary Team Members as Observers

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### Wednesday, May 1, 2019

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Overview of Peer Review
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Practicum #1, #2, #3 (young child)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH - on your own
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Practicum #4, #5, #6 (young child)
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Large Group Discussion

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### Thursday, May 2, 2019

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Interviewing Adolescents
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Practicum #1, #2, #3 (teen)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH - on your own
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Practicum #4, #5, #6 (teen)
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Large Group Discussion

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### **Friday, May 3, 2019**

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Test Review
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Special Topics
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Legal - 908.08
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	LUNCH - on your own
12:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Legal
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Post-test, Evaluations, Certificates

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## **Registration Process**

Registration is online. A link is available on the Children's Justice Act web page (<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/not-crime-victim/childrens-justice-act>).

You can also see more details and register here: <http://www.cvent.com/d/2bqryd>

Space is limited for this training, and is not "first come, first serve." Please apply and answer all application questions as thoroughly as you can. The deadline for application is **March 13, 2019** at 11:59pm. After the application period closes, attendees will be contacted by Wisconsin DOJ with either a registration confirmation or denial. If your registration is confirmed, additional details about the training will be included. You will be responsible for making your lodging arrangements by April 1, 2019. If you have missed the application deadline, you can sign up for the waitlist on the website.

## **Cost**

This is a free training sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Attendees are responsible for their own lodging, meals, and mileage.

## **Training Space**

The training will be at the Holiday Inn – Marshfield.  
750 South Central Avenue  
Marshfield, WI 54449

## **Lodging**

There is a block of lodging available at the Holiday Inn – Marshfield at the state rate of \$82.00 per night for single occupancy. Call 715-486-1500 for reservations.

### **RESERVATION CUT OFF DATE IS April 1, 2019.**

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## Trainers

**Lynn Cook, MSW, CAPSW** is a Certified Advanced Practice Social Worker with a Certificate in Trauma Counseling. Lynn has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. She currently works as a Forensic Interviewer with the Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. In that role she has conducted approximately 1000 forensic interviews of children and teens. In this role, she has provided expert testimony on cases of child maltreatment. Up until July of 2015 when she began her career with Children's Hospital, Lynn worked as a Sensitive Crimes Victim Advocate at the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office where she managed a caseload that consisted primarily of sexual abuse cases. In this position she provided crisis counseling and advocacy to over 900 survivors of sexual violence as they navigated the criminal justice system. She has extensive experience with prosecutions featuring child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking. She has also consulted on and provided testimony on legislation related to technology and sexual exploitation.

**Tom Fallon, JD** is an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Litigation Unit and Wisconsin's first-ever Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor. Before returning to the Attorney General's office, Mr. Fallon was a Deputy (Supervising) District Attorney in Dane County District Attorney's Office in Madison, Wisconsin. Prior to assuming managerial responsibilities, Mr. Fallon had been an Assistant District Attorney in Dane County where he was the prosecution coordinator and interagency liaison for child abuse cases. Previously, Mr. Fallon was an Assistant Attorney General with the Wisconsin Department of Justice in the Criminal Litigation, Antitrust and Consumer Protection Unit where he handled a wide variety of cases from Arson to Racketeering. He specialized in Sexually Violent Person proceedings, Sexual Assault, Murder and Child Abuse prosecutions.

Before joining the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Mr. Fallon was an Assistant and Deputy (First Assistant) District Attorney in Kenosha County, Wisconsin. As the chief felony prosecutor, he supervised other prosecutors and specialized in child abuse and drug prosecutions. As the Deputy District Attorney, he handled the administrative and personnel matters for the office in addition to carrying a felony caseload. Mr. Fallon began his career prosecuting paternity and child support enforcement cases for the Kenosha County Child Support Agency.

**Robyn Klaila, MSW, CAPSW** is a Forensic Interviewer at Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Madison, WI. Robyn has been facilitating forensic interviews since 2011 and has completed over 1000 forensic interviews to date. Robyn provides expert testimony regarding forensic interviewing, facilitates the Dane County forensic interviewing peer review program, participates in national peer review and forensic interviewing journal club. She is trained in multiple nationally recognized forensic interviewing guidelines and protocols. Prior to her position at Safe Harbor, Robyn conducted forensic interviews for Columbia County and was also a Forensic Interviewer for Racine County Child Advocacy Center. Robyn received her Master's Degree in Social Work and is certified by the state of Wisconsin as an Advanced Practice Social Worker. Robyn has devoted the last 15 years of her career working with victims of abuse, while collaborating with and working alongside law enforcement agencies, child protection social workers, prosecutors and the judicial system.

**Nina Maroszek Brennan, MSW, CAPSW** is the dedicated Forensic Interviewer at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin – Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center. Nina forensically interviews children who are alleged victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, drug endangerment, and witness to family violence, including homicide. She is also extensively trained in conducting interviews with children who are alleged victims of trafficking. Nina is a leader on the project to create the Wisconsin Forensic Interview Guideline curriculum, in conjunction with other experts and practitioners both nationally and throughout the state of Wisconsin. When not interviewing children, Nina enjoys traveling the state to provide trainings to Law Enforcement, Social Workers, and Prosecutors on behalf of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Department of Justice, and the Department of Human Services Training Partnership. Nina is a member of the American Professional Society of Abused Children (APSAC) and holds a position on the board of directors for the local Wisconsin Chapter of APSAC. Nina coordinates local peer reviews for several multidisciplinary teams and is an active participant in regional case review teams. Nina earned 2 undergraduate degrees simultaneously in Social Work and Human Development from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay and then went on to receive her Masters degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

**Kat Riley, JD** is a detective with the Special Victims Unit with the Madison Police Department. Ms. Riley has received over 100 hours of basic and advanced forensic interview training, including the best practices of the current Wisconsin Guidelines for Child Forensic Interviews. Ms. Riley has been conducting forensic interviews at Safe Harbor CAC since 2010. She is also involved with the development of the Curriculum Manual for the State of Wisconsin Forensic Interview Guidelines. Kat Riley has also worked to create a centralized sensitive crimes unit within the Madison Police Department. The goals of this new unit include more efficient investigation of sexual assault against children cases handled by MPD and provide continuity of service to, and, support of, victims and their families. The Special Victims Unit (SVU) began in February 2017.

## **Accommodations for Disabilities**

This training intends to comply with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need any accommodations, please contact Jan Dunn-Herfel at 608-266-7084.