

# EFFECTIVELY QUESTIONING CHILDREN AND YOUTH ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES

Investigative interviewing involves eliciting a detailed and accurate account of an event or situation from a person to assist decision-making. The Centre for Investigative Interviewing (CII) provides unique training that can be adapted to any jurisdiction, and across an ever-widening array of professions including medicine, policing, child protection and family law.

## ABOUT THE COURSE

'Effectively Questioning Children and Youth about their Experiences' is designed for anyone who interacts with children on a regular basis. Its primary focus is on talking to children and youth about their experiences in a way that maximises relevant information, minimises errors, and promotes a narrative account.

The emphasis is on questioning styles that elicit high quality information from all types of respondents (including children, adolescents, adults, persons with intellectual disabilities, victims, witnesses, and suspects). Topics taught in the 8 modules include choosing effective questions, interviewing about repeated events, implications of child development and considerations related to ambiguous or sensitive topics.

It is predominantly delivered over a secure web-based program and adopts a competency-based approach to activities. Trainees are engaged in innovative interactive exercises, which have been demonstrated in empirical research to promote adherence to best-practice interviewing. Films, simulations, self- and quizzes with immediate feedback on performance are included. Trainees also engage in mock interviews over Skype and receive in-depth, individualized expert feedback and instruction from trainers. Further, trainers track individual trainees' progress throughout the course and provide additional learning and IT support when required. Trainees progress through modules at their own pace, but completion typically takes approximately two months.

## ORIGINS & BACKGROUND

The course is based on more than a decade of research and experience in training and is highly practical in nature. The founding director of the CII, Prof Martine Powell, has over 20 years of experience in the design and implementation of investigative interview training programs, and has over 200 publications in the area. The course developer, Dr Sonja Brubacher, has 6 years experience in interview training and child development research, and more than 30 publications on these topics.

## COST

The cost for individuals is \$1,000 AUD (plus \$100 GST within Australia). This covers all materials, enrolment to the online learning environment and access to a trainer.

For more information, visit the Centre for Investigative Interviewing website: [investigativecentre.com](http://investigativecentre.com)

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