



BEST PRACTICES IN VOICE OF CHILD INTERVIEWING

Presented by: CLEAR VOICE INTERVIEW SERVICES

For Family Law Professionals

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Edmonton, AB

\$900 per person

(Use coupon code: CVIS100 for \$100 discount until August 29)

Register online at: www.clearvoiceinterviewservices.ca

TRAINING AGENDA

Day 1

Day 1 introduces participants to the foundational principles of best practices in Voice of Child interviewing. Participants will explore the forensic interviewing principles that underpin the Voice of Child model, while developing skills in interview introductions, ground rules, rapport building, open ended questioning, and facilitating child led narratives.

Throughout the day, facilitators will share real world examples and practical insights drawn from decades of frontline interviewing experience. Participants will reinforce their learning through interactive role plays, practical exercises, and collaborative group discussions.

Day 2

Day 2 focuses on applying advanced interviewing skills when conversations become more complex. Participants will learn strategies for clarifying information while preserving the child's narrative, responding to avoidance and reluctance, narrowing questions without increasing interviewer influence, and effectively recapping and closing the interview.

Facilitators will continue to integrate real world case examples and practical interviewing strategies throughout the day. Learning will be reinforced through interactive role plays, practical exercises, and collaborative group discussions designed to build confidence and interviewing competence.



Following the success of our Child Forensic Interview Training Program launched in June 2026, Clear Voice Interview Services (CVIS) is pleased to introduce our new two-day **Best Practices in Voice of Child Interviewing** training program.

Developed specifically for professionals involved in family law, mediation, arbitration, parenting assessments, legal practice, and other child inclusive services, this program provides participants with a structured and evidence informed approach to conducting Voice of Child interviews. Drawing upon decades of child forensic interviewing experience, the training demonstrates how established forensic interviewing principles can be appropriately adapted to the unique purpose of Voice of Child work while maintaining neutrality, preserving the integrity of the child's voice, and supporting meaningful participation.

Participants will learn how to establish rapport, develop child friendly interview introductions and ground rules, facilitate child led narratives through effective open-ended questioning, clarify information without increasing interviewer influence, and navigate challenging interviews involving reluctance, avoidance, emotion, or conflict. The program also explores child development, memory, suggestibility, communication, and the ethical and professional responsibilities unique to Voice of Child interviewing.

Throughout the training, facilitators share practical interviewing strategies, real world case examples, and lessons learned from decades of frontline interviewing experience. Participants will have numerous opportunities to develop and refine their skills through realistic role play scenarios, practical exercises, collaborative discussions, and individualized coaching designed to build both confidence and interviewing competence.

The program is intentionally designed to maximize participation and skill development. Approximately twenty five percent of the course consists of focused instruction, twenty five percent of facilitated discussion and collaborative learning, and fifty percent is dedicated to practical exercises, role play scenarios, and individualized coaching. Rather than relying on lecture-based learning alone, participants leave with practical interviewing strategies that can be immediately incorporated into their professional practice.

Upon successful completion of the program, participants will receive a Certificate of Completion recognizing fourteen hours of professional development and their commitment to advancing best practices in Voice of Child interviewing

"Children deserve professionals who understand that the interview is not simply about obtaining information, it is about creating the conditions where children can safely and accurately share their experiences in their own words."

— Matt Linzer & Kim Burke

Co-Founders, Clear Voice Interview Services