



## ***Strategies for Reluctant, High-Risk and/or Trafficked Youth***

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**April 21-23, 2026**

**Monroe County Sheriff's Office**

**145 L Kary Bittick Dr.**

**Forsyth, GA 31029**

This intensive 3-day training is designed for experienced forensic interviewers who have already completed a nationally recognized forensic interview training program. The course focuses on advanced techniques for interviewing children from special populations, including victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) and those who may benefit from multiple interview sessions. Participants will refine their skills in handling complex cases, incorporating the child's voice in multidisciplinary assessments, and adapting interview strategies to meet the unique needs of vulnerable children. Through interactive discussions, case studies, and skill-building exercises, participants will gain valuable insights and strategies to strengthen their forensic interviewing practice.

### **Training Topics Include:**

- **Conducting Forensic Interviews with No Clear Disclosure:** Strategies for navigating cases where there are significant MDT concerns but no explicit disclosure from the child.
- **Clients Requiring Multiple Interview Sessions:** Identifying children who may benefit from multi-session forensic interview strategies and adapting techniques accordingly.
- **Interviewing Over Multiple Sessions:** Understanding when and how to conduct forensic interviews across more than one session for children who may require this approach.
- **Tips for Conducting Forensic Interviews Across Sessions:** Practical guidance for maintaining consistency, engagement, and best practices in multi-session forensic interviews.
- **Coordinating with the CSEC Response Team:** Techniques for incorporating the client's voice into the assessment process through forensic interviewing.
- **Preparing for High-Risk or CSEC Interviews:** Specialized preparation for interviewing high-risk children, including those at-risk and/or involved in trafficking and exploitation.
- **Interviewing CSEC Victims:** Best practices for engaging children who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation while addressing trauma and safety concerns.
- **Gathering Information in CSEC/Exploitation Cases:** Critical considerations for collecting relevant details when a child discloses CSEC or exploitation.

### **Approximately 25 individuals will be accepted into this training. Information to note before you apply:**

1. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses including mileage, lodging and food.
2. Hotel/lodging information will be provided to students **upon selection** for the course. Please do not arrange travel prior to acceptance.
3. Students must be present for the entire training session to earn a certificate of completion.
4. This application must be completed in full and emailed or faxed on or before **March 23, 2026**.  
Email address: [childfirst@cherokeechildadvocates.org](mailto:childfirst@cherokeechildadvocates.org).  
Fax number: 678-445-7778
5. Applicants will be notified of their status by **March 24, 2026**.
6. If you are selected to attend this training, and find that for some reason you will not be able to attend, please contact Kelley Vincent at 678-504-6388 or email [childfirst@cherokeechildadvocates.org](mailto:childfirst@cherokeechildadvocates.org) as soon as possible so we may identify another person on our waiting list to utilize your spot.
7. Please complete and submit the application on the next page.



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**APPLICATION FOR TRAINING**

Please indicate your role on the Multidisciplinary Team in your jurisdiction:

CAC Forensic Interviewer  DFCS Investigator who conducts forensic interviews  Law Enforcement Investigator who conducts forensic interviews

Applicant:

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*Last First Name you prefer to be called in class Job Title*

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*Applicant E-Mail Address Applicant Cell Number*

Agency Information:

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*Agency Name*

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*Agency Street Address City/State Zip Code*

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*Agency Phone Agency Fax County AND Judicial Circuit*

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial) I certify that I have attended basic forensic interview training (ChildFirst, RADAR, NCAC, etc). I attended \_\_\_\_\_ (name of training) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in this location \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial) I have personally conducted a minimum 50 forensic interviews of children related to an allegation of abuse.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial) I am currently an active member of my local multidisciplinary team.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial) As part of my job responsibilities I currently conduct forensic interviews for the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of CAC and/or Jurisdiction.)

**I certify that the information in this application is true and that I will commit to attending this training, if accepted. If for some reason I am not able to attend the training due to a last minute event (sickness, court, etc.), I will let staff from the Anna Crawford Children's Center know as soon as possible.**

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**By the signature below, I verify that this applicant has my approval to attend the three-day Advanced Skills Forensic Interview course.**

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**Agency Head**

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**Title**

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**Date**

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**Signature**