



Project FIND (Forensic Interviewing Individuals with Disabilities)

Advanced Forensic Interview Certificate

Description

The Advanced Forensic Interviewing Individuals with Disabilities certificate is designed for established forensic interviewers with previous basic training and extensive experience in forensic interviewing and or working with individuals with disabilities. The certificate is founded in forensic interviewing best practices with considerations and adaptations to account for individual disability, mental health disorder, language capacity and cultural background. The curriculum is designed to support forensic interviewers to gather information from alleged victims in the most reliable and legally defensible manner. Curriculum topic areas include: Individuals with Disabilities and Mental Health Disorders; Person-First / Identity-First Language; Statistics and History of Disabilities; Statistic Incident Rates; Sexual Education; Bias and Assumptions; Assuming Normal Intelligence; Change in Language and Perspective; Intellectual Disabilities; Autism Spectrum Disorder; Cerebral Palsy; Physical Disabilities; Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD); Communication Disorders; Mental Health Disorders; Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders; Bipolar and Related Disorders; Depressive Disorders; Anxiety Disorders; Trauma-Related Disorders; The Role of Race and Culture in Interviewing; The Role of Medication; Interviewing Individuals with Disabilities; Pre-interview Considerations; Engagement and Rapport; Interview Instructions; Transition to Topic of Concern; Topic of Concern; Closure; Adapted Protocol for Someone Who Doesn't Speak; Interview Considerations for Individuals with Mental Health Disorders; and Post Interview Considerations. Participants learn through readings, didactic instruction, video examples, case scenarios, participating in activities throughout the training. All attendees complete a practicum that is scored on a pass/fail basis.

Prerequisites for attending certification training. Minimum requirements include:

- Completion of basic forensic interviewing training (min 32 hours)
- Completion of 100 interviews and or a minimum 2 years' experience working with individuals with disabilities and or an expert review/letter of recommendation.

Number of Attendees: 24 Max



Project FIND Two-Day Training

Description

The Project FIND Two-Day Training is designed for members of multidisciplinary teams (MDT's) who investigate and support victims of abuse and neglect. This includes; law enforcement, child protective services, adult protective services, district attorneys, forensic interviewers, clinicians, and other social service personnel involved in these cases. The training is founded in forensic interviewing best practices with considerations and adaptations to account for individual disability, mental health disorder, language capacity and cultural background. The curriculum is designed to support MDT members to develop a broader understanding of intellectual Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Physical Disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Communication Disorders, Mental Health Disorders, Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders, Bipolar and Related Disorders, Depressive Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, and Trauma-Related Disorders. Understanding the unique characteristics of these groups and the ability to communicate effectively is paramount in creating safe environments and conducting appropriate investigations. Additionally, participants will be introduced to the FIND Model of Forensic Interviewing and have an opportunity to practice skills developed during the training.

Number of Attendees: 75 Max



Project FIND One-Day Training

Description

The Project FIND One-Day Training is designed for individuals working on multi-disciplinary teams (MDT's) and in other service organizations seeking to gain additional information about the risk factors, realities and strategies for working with individuals with disabilities and individuals with mental health disorders. The training is founded in forensic interviewing best practices with considerations and adaptations to account for individual disability, mental health disorder, language capacity and cultural background. Similar to the Project FIND Two-Day Training, the one-day curriculum is designed to introduce MDT members and other service organization staff to practical applications for engaging and communicating with individuals with intellectual Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Physical Disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Communication Disorders, Mental Health Disorders, Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders, Bipolar and Related Disorders, Depressive Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, and Trauma-Related Disorders. Understanding the unique characteristics of these groups and the ability to communicate effectively is paramount in creating safe environments and supporting quality of life. Additionally, participants will be introduced to the basics of the FIND Model of Forensic Interviewing.

Number of Attendees: 150 Max