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The Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), Child Abuse Training Services (CATS), in cooperation with the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council (PACC), and the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect (GTF) is pleased to present a regional, cross-professional specialized Child Abuse Training Seminar on the topic of the **Forensic Interviewing of Children**.

This seminar is designed for prosecuting attorneys, assistant prosecuting attorneys, CPS workers, police officers, and CAC interviewers who are involved with child abuse investigations or prosecution. The training is designed to increase your understanding of the primary features of forensic interviewing and to enhance your interviewing skills.

**The Training is two full days and will take place on October 10 and 11, 2012, at the Dearborn Police Department, located at 16099 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48126. It begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and will conclude by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

There is no registration fee for this training. DHS employees may attend this training with approval from local office management. The registration deadline is September 27, 2012. See the following registration materials for information on how to register. Please register early, since registration is limited to 30 people.

DHS employees who fail to attend, arrive late, depart early, or attend only portions of this training session will not receive credit for this training. Local offices may be contacted and informed of employees failing to meet attendance expectations.

LOCAL OFFICES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TRAVEL COSTS. DHS employees attending from the same community should car pool to reduce travel expenses. Employees travelling over 50 miles one way can request reimbursement for overnight accommodations (see the registration materials for more information on hotel accommodations).

For registration questions, please contact Jennifer Doerr from PAAM at [DoerrJ@michigan.gov](mailto:DoerrJ@michigan.gov) or (517) 334-6060, extension 836.

# SPECIALIZED CHILD ABUSE TRAINING

## **FORENSIC INTERVIEWING OF CHILDREN**

### **An Introduction to the Forensic Interviewing Protocol**

**October 10-11, 2012**

**Dearborn Police Department**

16099 Michigan Ave.

Dearborn, MI 48126

(313) 943-2278

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Michigan's Forensic Interviewing Protocol was developed in conjunction with the DHS and the GTF. The goal of a forensic interview is to obtain a statement from a child in a developmentally sensitive, unbiased, and truth-seeking manner that will support accurate and fair decision-making in the criminal justice and child welfare systems. Topics to be covered include:

- Pre-interview preparation.
- Interviewer guidelines.
- Conducting a phased interview.
- Special topics/children with special needs.
- Guidelines for questioning children.

Please find enclosed a copy of the registration form for the seminar. There is no tuition charge or charge for materials for this seminar. Attendees are responsible for overnight accommodations, transportation, some meals, and other incidental costs. If there are specific questions you would like to have addressed at the seminar, please list them on the registration form, and the questions will be provided to the speakers in advance.

Please register early since registration is limited to 30 people. When space at seminars is available, we welcome participation from professionals in addition to DHS workers, law enforcement, and prosecutors.

Confirmation regarding seminar attendance will be sent out approximately 2 weeks prior to the seminar date.

Please contact Jennifer Doerr at [doerrj@michigan.gov](mailto:doerrj@michigan.gov) if you need overnight accommodation recommendations or have any questions.

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(One form per person. Duplicate if necessary. **Please type or print clearly.**)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select the category that best describes your current job description:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CAC Forensic Interviewer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical personnel (SANE, MD)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAC other   | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Agency (FC, Adoption, etc..) |
| <b>DHS (choose below)</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecutor/Assistant                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CPS worker/investigator   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal CPS                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care worker  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal PA/APA                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: i.e. Adoption, Licensing,<br>Manager, Supervisor, etc... | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Other                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement   | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim advocate/witness professional |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: be specific:                  |

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: (for seminar confirmation)

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Signature

***Your signature is your guarantee that you will attend both days of training***

Do you have any specific questions/issues you would like addressed at the seminar?

Confirmation details for this seminar will be sent out approx. 2 weeks prior to the seminar date.

**Fax this form to the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Child Abuse Training Services office at 517-334-6787 by September 27, 2012.**

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