



Child Assessment Interviewing

Aim: To develop the skills and knowledge of field staff in conducting child assessment interviews and communicating with children and young people for a variety of other purposes.

Target group: Department field and support staff.

Learning Outcomes

- Identify the key developmental concepts relevant to communicating with children
- Describe the steps involved in preparing for a child assessment interview
- Explain the essential elements of the child assessment interview framework
- Demonstrate effective communication skills in the interview context
- Conduct a child assessment interview using the Child Assessment Interview Framework
- Learn the CAI Strategy meeting process from Forensic childFIRST officers

Training for



Staff (Child Protection)

Assessment

Participants are required to complete the following tasks:

- Complete an on-line quiz - as part of the on-line training 'Child Development'
- Complete a written quiz and conduct a simulated interview - at the 'Interviewing Children workshop'
- Plan, conduct and review a child assessment interview - in the workplace

Structure

Day 1

- Child development
- Role of interviewing as a Child Protection and Family Support Staff worker
- Clarifications – criminal disclosure
- Consequences of ineffective interviews
- 5 stage framework

Day 2

- Child interview unit
- Planning a child interview
- Tools to aid the interview
- Conducting child interviews using a child assessment framework

Prerequisites

- [Child development & attachment online learning module.](#)

Registration

- Child Protection Staff must register using [Employee Self Service](#)
- Other Dept of Communities Staff can [Register online](#)

Learning and Development