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Forensic Interviews With Children And Preparing For Court  
APPLICATION FORM

ChildFirst is limited to 40 students. Please be aware that this is an intensive course. The workshops are supplemented with homework assignments, which must be completed each night, and each student will be given a written, proctored examination at the end of the course. Students who fail to attend all workshops, to complete homework, or to pass the examination will not be awarded a certificate of course completion. ChildFirst supports a multidisciplinary approach to child abuse cases. Therefore, preference will be given to those who apply to attend the training as a multidisciplinary team (MDT). The ideal team consists of a children and youth solicitor, a prosecutor, a forensic interviewer, a Child Protective Services Worker, and a law enforcement officer. If your team varies from this norm, please attach to your application an explanation of the unique makeup of your team and why you would benefit from the training. Individual applications will also be considered. Applications must be returned to [joyce.hatfield.wise@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.hatfield.wise@gmail.com). Participants will be notified of their selection.

Please check one:

- MDT Member Application (\*Team applications must be mailed together)
  
- Individual Application

MDT Members:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to attend this course? (Attach additional sheets if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Have you applied to attend ChildFirst Before?  YES  NO

Has anyone from your agency attended a ChildFirst or CornerHouse course before?

YES  NO

Number of years in Child Protection Field: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience conducting forensic interviews: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please list other child abuse related training or interviewing programs you have attended:

(Attach additional sheets if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your jurisdiction have a multidisciplinary team?  YES  NO

If yes:

A) Are you currently a member of the team? \_\_\_\_\_

B) How long have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_

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Approximately how many children have you interviewed regarding the following types of abuse?

Physical Abuse / Child Death: \_\_\_\_\_ Sexual Abuse: \_\_\_\_\_

Emotional Abuse / Neglect: \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Neglect: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you conduct interviews in a child friendly environment?  YES  NO

If yes, briefly describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Check which of the following tools you employ during interviews:

- Video Tape  Audio Tape  Anatomical Dolls  Anatomical Drawings

What rapport building techniques do you use? \_\_\_\_\_

Check which (if any) of these problems you have encountered during interviewing:

- Recantation  Unconvincing / Inconsistent Disclosure  
 Delayed Disclosure  Non Supportive, Non Offending Parent  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Return Application to:**



**PA Children and Youth Solicitors Association**

**c/o Joyce Hatfield-Wise**

**290 Sanitarium Road, Washington, PA 15301**

**(412) 217-8702**

**joyce.hatfield.wise@gmail.com**

You will be notified of your acceptance and invoiced accordingly.