

**Narrative Practice: Creating Space for the Details**  
**January 11-13, 2021**  
**Held Online**  
**\$0**

This forensic interview specific training is the practical application of the semi-structured narrative process. This training is offered for previously trained forensic interviewers.

**ChildFirst Ex.**  
**February 3-5, 2021**  
**Held Online**  
**\$0**

We now know that one single forensic interview does not meet the needs of all children. This training provides a defensible process for children with trauma, developmental needs, or polyvictimization needing multiple interviews.

**Evidenced Based Assessment (EBA) Learning Cohort**  
**Feb. 26, March 5, and March 15, 2021**  
**Held Online**  
**\$0**

The focus of this program is to train mental health clinicians in the use of standardized assessments to inform the delivery of mental health services to abused and/or traumatized children.

**2021 Quarterly Advocate Round Tables**  
**March 30, June 22, Sept. 28, Dec. 21, 2021 10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.**  
**Held Online**  
**\$0**

These less structured meetings are designed for advocates to network, and share ideas on overcoming challenges they experience.

**ChildFirst Spring**  
**April 5-9, 2021**  
**Held Online**  
**\$0**

ChildFirst training enhances the education of front-line child abuse professionals. Participants will learn this protocol and how to properly conduct a forensic interview.

**Champions of Children Conference**  
**April 13-14, 2021**  
**Held Online**  
**\$230 Early Bird Registration**

This 12<sup>th</sup> annual conference will feature 20 local, state, and national speakers. Topics chosen are timely to MDTs and challenges surrounding physical and sexual abuse cases seen at Children's Advocacy Centers.

**Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CF-TSI)**  
**April TBA, 2021**  
**Held Online**  
**\$0**

This evidenced-based psychotherapy approach is focused on reducing the traumatic stress symptoms and interrupting PTSD in the aftermath of traumatic experiences. Participants will be required to have 8 mo. of follow up consultation after the training.

**Prepare and Predict Presenting Evidence Method**  
**May 10, 2021 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**  
**Held Online**  
**\$0**

The prepare and predict presenting evidence method allows the forensic interviewer prepare victims for the evidence that will be presented to them in the forensic interview process, while providing them an opportunity to predict what they are about to see and discuss with the forensic interviewer.

# 2021 Training Calendar



Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois

[www. childrensadvocacycentersofillinois.org](http://www.childrensadvocacycentersofillinois.org)

**2021 MDT Coordinator Round Table**  
**May 19, 2021 10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.**  
**Held Online**  
**\$0**

These less structured meetings are designed for MDT facilitators to network, develop new facilitation tactics, and share ideas to assist their MDTs in identifying and addressing challenges that impact case outcomes.

**Interviewing Beyond Sexual Abuse**  
**June 15-16, 2021**  
**Held Online**  
**\$0**

This training is for previously trained forensic interviewers to learn how to specifically explore issues beyond sexual abuse. This training will focus on the importance of interviewing children about a multitude of issues including physical abuse, witness to violent crime, and psychological abuse.

*\*all costs associated with all trainings are for food expenses and are unallowable grant expenses*

**Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)**

(if in person) June 28-29, 2021 9 A.M.-5 P.M. Springfield, \$40, breakfast each day and hotel stay included

(if digital) June 28-30, & July 1, 2021

10:00 A.M-2:30 P.M.

\$0

TF-CBT is an evidence-based psychotherapy approach. Attendees of this training are required to continue their education with twelve on-going follow-up consultation calls.

**Core Concepts for MDT Facilitators**

July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, 2021, 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Held Online

Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Centers self-paced Core Concepts for Team Facilitation will be discussed. Each meeting will focus on the corresponding online lesson's topic, The focus will be on how it applies to individual teams and organization improvement.

**NCA Accreditation Training**

August 23-24, 2021

Held Online

\$0

This training is geared towards CAC Directors and those responsible for NCA accreditation. Training will be provided by experienced NCA site reviewers who were or are current Chapter Directors.

**Director's Conference**

September 15-16, 2021

Champaign, IL

\$40, breakfast and lunch each day, and hotel stay included

An opportunity for CAC directors to receive support and training, as well to share ideas. CACI strives to present relevant topics to bolster the organizational capacity of its member centers.

**How to Best Support Kids at Trial  
September 22-23, 2021**

Springfield, IL

\$30, breakfast each day and hotel stay included

This training is for forensic interviewers, attorneys, and therapists to learn how to support the child victim through the court process. Forensic Interviewers will gain a deeper understanding of their vital role in the court process. Attorneys will enhance their knowledge in motions to file in CAC child victim cases, and how to use all members of the team for court. Also, the therapist role in court will be examined, and how to use this vital witness.

**Implementing Trauma Focused  
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Pre-  
School and School Ages Children with  
Problematic Sexualized Behaviors  
Related to Trauma**

September 23-24, 2021

Held Online

\$0

University of Oklahoma presents this 1.5 days of virtual training, along with 6 monthly follow up consultation calls following the training.

**ChildFirst Fall**

October 4-8, 2021

Springfield, IL

\$75, breakfast each day and hotel stay included

ChildFirst training enhances the education of front-line child abuse professionals. CAC affiliated MDT members will learn the ChildFirst protocol and how to properly conduct a non-leading fact finding forensic interview.

**Annual Advocate Training**

November 16-17, 2021

Springfield, IL

\$30, breakfast each day and hotel stay included

This two-track event provides advocates of all levels the opportunity to see local, state, and national speakers who specialize in the victim advocacy field of child advocacy. NCA Standards as it applies to Victim Advocates will be the focus.

**MDT Coordinators' Training**

December 2-3, 2021

Decatur, IL

\$30, breakfast each day and hotel stay included

This training's focus is to strengthen the skills of the MDT Coordinators and is for new facilitators as well as those who have more experience. Materials will cover strengthening facilitation skills & strengthening MDTs.

**Crime Scene to Trial**

December 14-16, 2021

Springfield, IL

\$45, breakfast each day and hotel stay included

Teams of four or more will learn detailed instruction of a crime scene, and how unimportant details can become critical at trial. This training includes interrogation, photography of a crime scene, witness interviews, and a crime scene investigation in a mock house.

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## Additional Trainings Offered Upon Request:

### MDT Customized Trainings

CACI is always available for assistance with customized trainings to fit its member organizations' needs and challenges. CACI will respond appropriately as needed whenever a training need is identified throughout the year. CACI staff can work with teams to provide oversight, develop teams and protocols, strategic planning, assist with case reviews, mediate conflict, and help ensure that protocols are being followed and National Accreditation Standards on a MDT level are being fulfilled. Sign up for a customized training in Coalition Manager today!

### Continuing Education Assistance

CACI offers assistance for acquiring CEUs for attorneys, social workers, and DCFS employees for conferences and trainings that are sponsored by Illinois CACs. Contact [yashika@cacionline.org](mailto:yashika@cacionline.org) for more information.

### Building Resiliency in Illinois CACs and MDTs

The purpose of this training is to strengthen the capacity of the Illinois Children's Advocacy Centers by educating CAC staff and multi-disciplinary members around the impacts of working in the child sexual abuse field and by promoting resilience building on a team level. This 4-hour training is customizable to any size MDT and is approved for continuing education credits. Request a Building Resiliency Training for your team in Coalition Manager.

### Forensic Interview and Executive Director Mentorship

CACI contracts with experienced forensic interviewers and former executive directors to provide a structured mentorship in a supportive setting that can increase confidence and improve skills. Sign up for this program in Coalition Manager today!

### Qualtrics (OMS) Assistance

CACI offers continued technical and education support to centers participating in Qualtrics. Trainings are available to optimize Qualtrics data to provide best possible services to children and their families. Email [jean@cacionline.org](mailto:jean@cacionline.org) for your next training.

### Family Advocate Coaching

CACI offers one on one coaching for advocates to enhance their skill set in working with non-offending caregivers, data collection, assisting in community referrals, and using state/local resource programs. CACI can also connect advocates to shadow with other chosen advocates across the state for training purposes. Email [cara@cacionline.org](mailto:cara@cacionline.org) to be connected today!

### Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children Short Form (TSCC-SF) and Trauma Symptom Checklist for Young Children Short Form (TSCYC-SF)

Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois offers its members TSCC-SF and TSCYC-SF forms to be used throughout the year for triaging and referrals to therapy services. Training on using these brief, valid, standardized, psychometrically acceptable measurement tools can be scheduled by contacting [cara@cacionline.org](mailto:cara@cacionline.org).

## Ongoing Supportive Forums:

### Mental Health Monthly Supervision Calls

This clinical consultation is a form of professional development which helps therapists continue to grow, learn, and adapt to challenges emerging in their practices. It is a collaborative, voluntary model, facilitated by an experienced therapist, but it also provides a setting in which peers can share ideas, and offer support and feedback to one another. Sign up for these meetings in Coalition Manager!

### Collaborate Bi-Monthly Forum Meetings

Join these meetings for networking, discussion, and brain storming. This opportunity is for Collaborate online data capturing system users to assist one another with overcoming challenges and share ideas. System updates and tools will be shared to assist in user navigation. Sign up for these meetings in Coalition Manager!

### Peer Review

Adhering with the NCA Accreditation Standards, forensic interviews from 9 regions across IL meet quarterly to improve forensic interviewers' performance by providing opportunities for feedback on interview techniques, discussion of relevant research articles, and informs of upcoming training opportunities. Contact [yashika@cacionline.org](mailto:yashika@cacionline.org) for more information!

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