

Finding Words© West Virginia

Finding Words© can be difficult for a child victimized by abuse. Conflicting emotions of fear and love for the perpetrator may cause a child to be reluctant to reveal abuse. If a child tries to speak of abuse, he or she may lack the verbal skills to adequately communicate the event to an adult.

Finding Words© can be difficult for a police officer, social worker or prosecutor who must speak to a child about abuse. In order to communicate competently with a child, the interviewer must be able to speak in a manner consistent with the child's linguistic and developmental abilities.

Finding Words© can be difficult for a child forced to tell a jury about abuse.

Finding Words© can be difficult for an investigator or prosecutor forced to defend an interview from an attack by defense counsel that the child was "lead" into making false accusations.

Finding Words© is an intensive five-day course in which students learn the necessary skills to conduct a competent, investigative interview of a child abuse victim using the CornerHouse forensic interview process.

Finding Words© is an interactive course, which combines lectures with demonstrations and hands on experience. Students will be required to interview a child about a non-abuse event and be critiqued by an expert forensic interviewer. Students will also conduct a 30 minute interview with an actor/actress playing the role of an abused child and will be critiqued on their performance.

Finding Words© is the ideal course for investigators and prosecutors seeking to enhance their ability to speak to and for abused children.

Finding Words© West Virginia is a **CHILDFIRST©** course taught by faculty trained and certified by NDAA and NCPTC in collaboration with CornerHouse, a nonprofit interagency child abuse evaluation and training center located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Finding Words©2010 Application Form

Finding Words© West Virginia is limited to 40 students per session. 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 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. NCPTC supports multidisciplinary approach to child abuse. Registration will be confined to those who attend the training as a functioning multidisciplinary investigative team (MDT) who are currently employed within the State of West Virginia. **Only those who are practicing prosecutors, a forensic interviewers and /or investigators and a Child Protective Services workers are permitted to attend this course.**

Application to this course does not guarantee acceptance to this course.

Walk-ins are not accepted.

TUITION FEE \$250.00 per person. A pre-course reading assignment and an INVOICE for payment, will be sent to you once you have been accepted to this course.

Session preferred (please check only ONE):

_____ May 10-14, 2010, Camp Dawson, Kingwood WV
Application Deadline April 26, 2010

_____ October 4-8, 2010, WV State Police Academy, Institute, WV
Application Deadline September 20, 2010

Are you registering as an _____ MDT Member or _____ Individual.
(MDT member applications MUST be mailed together.)

Contact information - please print/ write legibly:

Name: _____ Title: _____
Office: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ City: _____
Fax: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email address: _____

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Why do you want to attend this course?

Have you applied for Finding Words©before?

Do you follow a forensic interview model?

Number of years as a child abuse professional: _____ yrs.

Experience conducting forensic or therapeutic interviews:

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

Does your jurisdiction have a multidisciplinary team?

Are you currently a member of the team?

How long have you been a member?

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?

Briefly describe:

Which tools do you employ during interviews?

_____ video tape

_____ audio tape

_____ anatomical dolls

_____ anatomical drawings

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TUITION FEE: \$250.00 per person - an invoice will be mailed with homework packet.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT EVERY SESSION.
A MANDATORY READING ASSIGNMENT IS PROVIDED PRIOR TO
THE TRAINING SESSION. HOMEWORK IS ASSIGNED EACH
EVENING.

Attendees are responsible for all expenses.

A block of rooms have been reserved for the following locations.

For reservations please call:

Camp Dawson, Kingwood, a rooming list will be provided -
DO NOT CONTACT CAMP DAWSON

Sleep Inn, Cross Lanes, 304.776.7711

Please return application to:

WVPAI

Attn: Amy R. Leslie, MS

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