

# ONLINE CHILD WITNESS COURT PREPARATION FACILITATOR TRAINING SERIES



A SERIES OF ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR THE COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL

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## LOG-ON AND LEARN - FOUR TRAINING MODULES - SCHEDULED ONLINE

Each module will consist of narrated Powerpoint presentations, live online Blackboard discussions, readings, videoclips and Discussion Forum postings that can be completed at your own pace over the month. An electronic certificate will be provided for the completion of each module and a separate hard copy certificate will be issued upon completion of the series.

### 1) CORE CONCEPTS CENTRAL TO CHILD WITNESSES AND COURT PREPARATION

**BLACKBOARD SESSIONS:** September 13, 2016, 6:00–7:00 PM MST  
September 27, 2016, 6:00–7:00 PM MST

#### MODULE TEACHING OBJECTIVES

1. To explain the various types of child abuse
2. To explore the process of disclosure
3. To address the pros and cons of children testifying in court

### 2) CORE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND FAMILY DYNAMICS RELEVANT TO CHILD WITNESSES

**BLACKBOARD SESSIONS:** October 11, 2016, 6:00–7:00 PM MST  
October 18, 2016, 6:00–7:00 PM MST

#### MODULE TEACHING OBJECTIVES

1. To identify the optimal conditions and challenges for children disclosing and testifying in court
2. To understand how children can be impacted by child abuse
3. Child development considerations relevant to child testimony such as suggestibility, memory, comprehension & language

### 3) COURT ROLES, RULES AND LEGISLATION

**BLACKBOARD SESSIONS:** November 15, 2016, 6:00–7:00 PM MST  
November 22, 2016, 6:00–7:00 PM MST

#### MODULE TEACHING OBJECTIVES

1. To familiarize participants with basic Canadian legislation relevant to child witnesses
2. To understand the rules and expectations in Canadian courtrooms
3. To identify rules for testifying in court
4. To recognize the challenges inherent in cross-examination by a defence lawyer

### 4) COURT PREPARATION RESEARCH AND STRATEGIES

**BLACKBOARD SESSIONS:** December 6, 2016, 6:00–7:00 PM MST  
December 13, 2016, 6:00–7:00 PM MST

#### MODULE TEACHING OBJECTIVES

1. To provide participants with hands-on strategies that can be used with children going to court
2. To share challenges and barriers to success
3. To discuss desired outcomes and pre and post tests



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