

ABOUT THE STAFF

Leiane Smith, BSW, RSW - Clinical Supervisor/
Volunteer Coordinator

Leiane has been involved with the Child Witness Court Preparation Program since 2006. She has worked as a child welfare investigator for over 15 years and has been supporting kids and families with various challenges for more than 18 years.

Alice Gifford - Administrator

Alice has worked for the program for over 18 years and is very familiar with the court process. She is critical to ensuring that children, families and community professionals are appropriately directed through the systems.

Jonathan Nicholson - Legal Consultant

Jonathan is the Team Leader of the Crown Counsel in Family Law in Calgary. Prior to that he had a private law practice for 10 years and was a public school teacher. He is a past Director for the Canadian Child Abuse Association.

Lynn Barry, PH.D. CANDIDATE - Consultant

Lynn was a founding Director of the Canadian Child Abuse Association and has coordinated and produced "For the Kids" A Sexual Abuse Training Program for Police and Social Workers; and "You're Not Alone" A Child Witness Court Preparation Training Program.

QUALIFIED FACILITATORS

Our facilitators are carefully chosen for their ability to work with kids who have experienced trauma. Many are, or have been, duly appointed child welfare workers for the province of Alberta. This ensures that workers are well trained in the importance of preserving a clean, uncontaminated investigation.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

The Canadian Child Abuse Association (CCAA) is a non-profit organization committed to supporting professionals, communities, victims and witnesses involved in the investigation of child abuse. It was formed in 1985 and its directors have included police officers, social workers, Crown prosecutors, child welfare workers, Alberta Justice counsel and treatment specialists. The CCAA has produced internationally renowned video and training programs entitled "For the Kids," A Sexual Abuse Training Program for Police and Social Workers;" and "You're Not Alone," A Child Witness Court Preparation Training Program. The CCAA operates the Calgary Child Witness Court Preparation Program and has been instrumental in facilitating investigative training on a provincial and national basis. CCAA offers a Joining Together conference on forensic child abuse investigation and other relevant topics in child maltreatment.



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**ONLINE CHILD WITNESS COURT
PREPARATION PROGRAM**



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A Web Based

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- The Online Web Based Child Witness Court Preparation Program was developed to respond to the needs of child witnesses who may be required to testify in court. Inadequate preparation may result in further trauma to a child and their family and may compromise the court process.
- For children and teens living in rural areas or those who do not have access to formalized programs, they can either prepare themselves by using Superhero Island and Flipside websites OR arrange to be prepared individually online in real time at their convenience with an experienced facilitator.
- This program represents a collaboration between Alberta Justice and Solicitor General and Public Security (Victim Services) and the Canadian Child Abuse Association.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BENEFIT BY:

- Having access to skilled and experienced court preparation facilitators on a long distance basis.
- Being able to arrange sessions at convenient times.
- Having the opportunity to use both real time preparation sessions (synchronous) and website practice opportunities (asynchronous).
- The program and websites are **FREE**.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS BENEFIT BY:

- Having the opportunity to access court preparation services at **NO COST** for any child involved in a court case.
- Having clients benefit from the latest court preparation research which stresses both court information and practice of memory and questioning strategies
- Having clients utilize state of the art technology in long distance learning.

▶ CHILDREN'S WEBSITE

Superhero Island

Superhero Island is an online website created to prepare children to testify in court. Children will enjoy the game-like environment as they learn the knowledge and skills to do their best in court while earning accessories to become their own Superhero.



▶ TEEN'S WEBSITE

Flipside

**WE KNOW
THIS SUCKS.**

That's why we're here.

FLIPSIDE
COURT PREPARATION FOR TEENS
LET'S GET THROUGH IT

Empowering you with the knowledge and support to overcome your fear of testifying in court.



▶ FACILITATORS

Facilitators Court Preparation Site

- Court preparation facilitators can increase their knowledge by accessing content such as specific cautions to be considered when preparing kids for court, curriculum outlines, publications, references and resources.
- Can be accessed free of charge.

▶ PARENT'S WEBSITE

- Offers parents information to address concerns about their child testifying - information about the court system, the court process, resources and strategies to best support their child.

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FREE ONLINE

Individual Personalized Court Preparation for Children, Teens, or Parents

For personalized preparation by a qualified facilitator in the comfort of your own home at your convenience, please contact Alice Gifford at (403) 289-8385 or email at aliceg@cca.org. All you need is a computer, internet connection and computer headset with a microphone! We work to accommodate you!