



ONLINE CHILD WITNESS COURT PREPARATION PROGRAM

The Online 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.

This program represents a collaboration between Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Victim Programs and the Canadian Child Abuse Association. Court accompaniment is also available for all children and families wanting support on the day(s) of the court proceedings. We can direct you to your Victim Assistance Unit if court is not in Calgary.

The Child Witness Court Preparation Program is structured to ensure the non-contamination of evidence. There is no disclosure or discussion of the child's individual circumstances.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BENEFIT BY:

- ✓ Having access to skilled and experienced court preparation facilitators online.
- ✓ Being able to arrange sessions at convenient times.
- ✓ Having the opportunity to participate in many of the same components of an in person court preparation session.
- ✓ The program is 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 questioning strategies.
- ✓ Having clients utilize state of the art technology in long distance learning.

ONLINE SESSION

- ✓ EXPLORING FEARS AND ANXIETIES
- ✓ BREATHING / RELAXATION
- ✓ COURT ROLES AND PROTOCOLS
- ✓ COURT PROCESS
- ✓ MEMORY STRATEGIES
- ✓ ROLE PLAYS USING A FICTIONAL STORY
- ✓ CROSS-EXAMINATION VIDEO
- ✓ YOU'RE NOT ALONE VIDEO



INDIVIDUAL ONLINE 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 us at (403) 289-8385 or email at info@ccaa.org. All you need is a computer, internet connection and computer headset with a microphone!

WE WORK TO ACCOMMODATE YOU!

