

# Two-Day

Court Preparation & Court Accompaniment Training



Every child entering the courtroom deserves to feel prepared, supported, and understood.


For over 35 years, the Canadian Child Abuse Association has partnered with Child Advocacy Centres and Victim Assistance Units to strengthen the professional response to child witnesses within the criminal justice system. Our intensive two-day, in-person training program equips community professionals with the practical skills and confidence required to effectively support children and families navigating court proceedings.

Developed to address the need for structured and developmentally appropriate preparation, the Child Witness Court Preparation model helps reduce anxiety, improve understanding of court processes, and support meaningful participation by child witnesses.

This classroom-based training is practical, interactive, and skills-driven. Through expert instruction, guided discussion, and applied role-play scenarios, participants gain hands-on experience using child-centred preparation and accompaniment strategies.

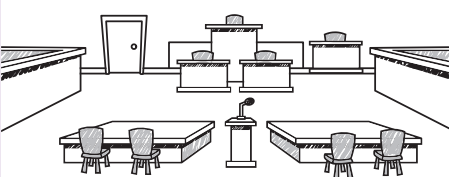
- ✓ Wellness And Vicarious Trauma
- ✓ Healthy Boundaries
- ✓ Understanding Child Abuse
- ✓ The Child Witness Court Preparation Program
- ✓ Core Session 1 & 2
- ✓ Cautions To Facilitators
- ✓ Tips For Handling Child Abuse Disclosures
- ✓ Courtroom Tour
- ✓ Evaluations
  - Court-Related Stress Scales
  - Knowledge
  - Satisfaction
- ✓ Facilitating A Parent / Caregiver Session
- ✓ Accommodations For Child Witnesses
- ✓ Demonstrate An Online Court Prep Session
- ✓ Role Of The Advocate
- ✓ Children In The Criminal Justice System
- ✓ Facility Dog Presentation
- ✓ Tips For Mock Court / Cross-Examination

### CORE SESSION 1



- ✓ 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

### CORE SESSION 2



- ✓ TOUR OF COURTHOUSE
- ✓ TOUR OF MAIN COURTROOM
- ✓ TOUR OF CCTV ROOM (WHERE AVAILABLE)
- ✓ MOCK TRIAL USING A FICTIONAL STORY

Partner with us to strengthen your team and ensure children are prepared, protected, and empowered throughout the justice process.

