Interviewing Individuals with Disabilities

ADVANCED Training

**Dates and Location**

**Dates:**
- JAN 8TH, 2019
- JAN 9TH, 2019

**Registration Time:**
- 8:30AM-9:00AM
- 8:30AM-9:00AM

**Training Duration:**
- 9:00AM-4:00PM
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**Location:**
- North Inland Live Well Center
  649 W Mission Ave Room B
  Escondido CA 92025
- CSULA
  801 South Grand Ave 6th Fl
  Los Angeles CA 90017

**Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this training participants will be able to:

- Describe the unique characteristics of individuals with autism, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy and communication disorders that increase the risk of abuse.
- Demonstrate an understanding of verbal communication in the context of communicating with and interviewing individuals with disabilities.
- Recall specific interview techniques for use in the investigative and legal environments to optimize communication with adults and older adults with disabilities.

**Presenter**

Staci Whitney, LMSW is a Forensic Interviewer at Bivona Child Advocacy Center in Rochester, NY and Director of Forensic Interviewing Training for Modell Consulting Group, LLC. Since 2012, Ms. Whitney has been responsible for developing Bivona’s Forensic Interviewing Program. During this time, Ms. Whitney has had extensive training and experience in the field of Forensic Interviewing including interviewing children and individuals with disabilities who are victims or witnesses of crime. She has developed and delivered numerous trainings to Multidisciplinary Team Members and other professionals on recognizing and responding to suspicions and reports of child abuse. Ms. Whitney participated as an expert on the New York State Less is More and Minimal Facts committees to develop curricula for mandated reporters and first responders on reacting to disclosures and reports of abuse. Her experience in training professionals has continued in her work with Modell Consulting Group, with a focus on teaching professionals to interview individuals with disabilities. Prior to joining Bivona staff, Ms. Whitney spent two years as a social worker at The University of Rochester Medical Center, treating adolescents and children with eating disorders and working in the emergency department. Ms. Whitney received her B.S. in Social Work from Nazareth College of Rochester and her M.S.W. from Greater Rochester Collaborative Program of SUNY Brockport and Nazareth College of Rochester.

**Intended Audience**

This Adult Protective Services Workforce Innovations (APSWI) training was developed for experienced APS staff.

**Registration**

**Registration Fee:** FREE (lunch is on your own)

**Registration Process:** Please register through your county training coordinator.

If you have any questions, please contact: apstraining@sdsu.edu

**Registration Deadline:** DEC 17TH, 2018

**Continuing Education**

This course meets the qualifications for 6 hours of continuing education credit for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and/or LEPs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. The Academy is approved by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs and LEPs, Provider #91928. The Academy is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider # BRN CEP15014 for 6 contact hours. The Academy maintains responsibility for this program and its content. Certificates will be available for download 5-7 business days after course completion. Click here for information on how to obtain CE Certificates.