

Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders (SAFE)



The SAFE (Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders) Two-Day training, developed and delivered by Modell Consulting Group, LLC is designed for elder justice professionals seeking to gain additional information on communicating with older adults who are alleged victims of crime. This training is for Adult Protective Services workers, law enforcement, district attorneys, attorneys general, victim services professionals, medical professionals, etc. While this is not a course specifically designed for forensic interviewers, it is intended for professionals to increase their understanding and skills for communicating with older adults who are alleged victims of abuse and neglect. The training is founded in forensic interviewing best practices with considerations and adaptations to account for age related declines in cognition, underlying neuropathology (e.g., dementia, Alzheimer's), language capacity and cultural background.

Learning Objectives

After completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- Understand the key concepts of competency, capacity and consent.
- Identify the impact of abuse, neglect and exploitation on older victims' lives.
- Understand biases and assumptions of aging.
- Recognize abuse dynamics in older adults.
- Practice general considerations for communicating with older adults.
- Learn the SAFE Model of Interviewing Older Adults.

Course Requirements

Use of a camera is required for the full duration of this virtual training. Participants **must be present and on camera** and are expected to **attend both training days**.

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VIRTUAL EVENT

Dates: February 3, 2026 and February 5, 2026

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Breaks: There will be 15 minute breaks during the morning and afternoon of each day and a 1-hour lunch break from 12-1pm each day.

This course will be conducted remotely through **Zoom**. A link will be sent to the participants a week before training.



REGISTRATION

Please register through your respective county's training process.

The registration due date for this training is Tues. January 20, 2026



AUDIENCE

This virtual training is intended for all levels of APS professionals, including APS Investigators/Case Managers, and/or Line Staff, Supervisors, Managers and Trainers.

Meet the Trainer

Kate Homan, M.S. , Senior Consultant

Kate Homan, MS is a Senior Consultant for Modell Consulting Group, LLC. Since 2017, Ms. Homan has assisted in teaching and co-authoring multiple multidisciplinary trainings. This included leading the development of a first of its kind project collaborating with national experts to develop a forensic interviewing model for interviewing adults (FIND Foundations); in addition to co-authoring the suite of Project FIND and SAFE trainings including, but not limited to an advanced forensic interviewing model for interviewing individuals with disabilities, an interviewing model with adaptations for individuals who do not speak (FIND Adapted), and an advanced forensic interviewing model for interviewing older adults (SAFE).

In addition to developing and delivering trainings, Ms. Homan has spent over 10 years interviewing children who have experienced abuse and trauma in Louisiana. Ms. Homan provides training for professionals on interviewing children using the RADAR Forensic Interview Model and advanced multidisciplinary topics in addition to providing ongoing consultation and facilitating peer review for developing CACs and state chapters.

Virtual Training Protocol

- Download or update the most recent version of Zoom
- Please log in 5 to 10 minutes prior to the workshop to allow for troubleshooting, if needed
- It is highly recommended to use a headset for this workshop
- Use "Computer Audio" for optimal experience
- Use of a camera is required during the full duration of this training
- If you are planning to log on to the training using two separate devices (one for audio, one for video), please be sure to mute one of the devices to prevent any audio feedback
- Please be sure your screen name is your first and last name in Zoom. Learners who are not able to identify themselves within the first 15 minutes of training, and remain unresponsive after the moderator has attempted to make contact via chat or verbally multiple times will need to be removed from the training session
- Please refer to the "[Virtual Learning Tips](#)" handout for additional information on how to update your Zoom screen name, etc.

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