CornerHouse Launches Vulnerable Adult Forensic Interviewing Training

“It was a great training. A very new interviewing style that I plan to pass on to my co-workers as well as to encourage them to attend any upcoming trainings."

CornerHouse was recently asked to develop a basic forensic interview training for vulnerable adults. Adult Protection and Law Enforcement professionals are seeing an emerging need in this area. Caseloads are increasing, and the needs of vulnerable adults in areas such as financial exploitation and sexual abuse are more prevalent and more clearly recognized and addressed.

The CornerHouse Forensic Interview Protocol works with vulnerable adults because at its core, it is person centered, semi-structured and flexible. This facilitates the application of the
protocol for vulnerable adults, consistent with our values of neutrality and fairness. The Vulnerable Adult Forensic Interview Training is a blended learning experience with 4 hours of on-line work prior to the 3.5 day in-person training. Areas covered include the following objectives:

- Ability to identify and apply forensically sound interview practice to vulnerable adults
- Role and function of the multidisciplinary team
- Unique characteristics of vulnerable adults and how that impacts the interview process
- Applying a person-centered approach to the interview
- Stages, purposes, and approaches of the CornerHouse Forensic Interview Protocol
- Critical assessment of the learner’s own and others’ forensic interview practice.

Our first group of learners had 36 participants. They found it particularly helpful to learn about self-neglect and financial exploitation.

This training is currently offered on-site at host locations. We will come to your site and provide training to up to 30 learners. We can work with you on scheduling and we are currently offering flexible options for pricing on this particular training.

Host sites have two payment options.

- A flat fee of $8,500 plus the cost of the trainer’s travel, lodging, and meals. For this option, host sites are responsible for registration and there is no minimum number of participants.
- A base rate of between $1,500 and $3,500 plus an individual registration fee of between $250-$350, depending on class size. Host sites are also responsible for the cost of the trainer’s travel, lodging and meals. For this option, CornerHouse manages registration and a minimum number of class participants is set.

“I really enjoyed the diversity of learners in our first group. We had both new and experienced Adult Protection and Law Enforcement professionals. Their eagerness to learn was inspirational.”

–Michelle Harris, CornerHouse Trainer
Another new training opportunity!

CornerHouse has had inquiries about live interview practice. We have created a new training opportunity for people to practice their interviewing skills with trained actors. **More details soon!**

Keep an eye out for our flyer!

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**Upcoming Scholarships Available!**

Do you work in Minnesota? Are you interested in attending training? Apply for a scholarship! **Next round coming soon!!**

CornerHouse offers a limited number for scholarships for people who work in Minnesota through the Minnesota Department of Human Services. This scholarship covers the entire cost of tuition.

We will be awarding individual scholarships for the Basic Forensic Interview Training in August, October, and December and the Advanced Forensic Interview Training in September. We will also be offering one scholarship for an On-site Basic Forensic Interview Training.

The application will be available on our website. To get it directly in your inbox, please email Melissa Henry, the Training Department Manager, at melissa.henry@childrensmn.org

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**Upcoming Events**

**August 21-25:** Basic Forensic Interview Training [Learn More and Register Here!]

**Sept. 12-14:** Advanced Forensic Interview Training [Learn More and Register Here!]

**October 2-6:** Basic Forensic Interview Training [Learn More and Register Here!]

**December 4-8:** Basic Forensic Interview Training [Learn More and Register Here!]
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