About Us

Vision
Children grow up free from abuse

Mission
Assure that the voices of children and adolescents are heard

Child First Philosophy
The child is our first priority.
Not the needs of the family.
Not the child's "story."
Not the evidence.
Not the need of the courts.
Not the needs of police, child protection, or attorneys.
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Don't Miss Our Basic Training Early Bird Rate

Register by September 15 for our October 13-17 Basic Forensic Interview Training to save $200. This highly interactive training teaches the CornerHouse Forensic Interview Protocol: a credible, reliable, developmentally flexible and trauma sensitive forensic interview protocol appropriate for children, adolescents, and vulnerable adults who allege sexual or physical abuse.

Click here to learn more and register now!

CornerHouse Training Can Come To You!

A CornerHouse Forensic Interviewer/Trainer will travel to your community to conduct an engaging training for up to thirty learners. We have only three On-Site Training opportunities still available in 2014:

- November 13-14 Protocol Update Training
- December 16-17 Protocol Update Training
- December 16-19 Basic Forensic Interview Training

Click here to learn more about CornerHouse On-Site Trainings.

Last month CornerHouse trained in Marietta, Georgia and later this month CornerHouse will be training in Tokyo, Japan! Will CornerHouse be training your agency next? Contact us today to learn more. For questions and scheduling, please contact the CornerHouse Training Outreach Coordinator at jill.hayes@childrensmn.org or 612-813-8310.
Learners at a CornerHouse On-Site Protocol Update Training in Marietta, GA last month.

Ask the Trainer

A question CornerHouse trainers are often asked is, "How can I encourage a child to share information in a forensic interview when they are reluctant?"

Answer: Unfortunately, there is no magic solution that will work for every child - and it is also important that children be given the power and the permission not to share information if that is where they are in their process of disclosure. However, there are some tools and techniques that can help give some children the opportunity to share information when they are reluctant. The following is one of several options that may be available for encouraging a reluctant child. Offering alternative means of communication, such as writing or drawing, can be powerful alternatives to sharing information through talking alone; while verbal explanation or confirmation by the child will be necessary, having this opportunity will often reduce the intensity of the communication and will often provide a child the room to be able to share verbal information. In addition to allowing the child a more comfortable way of communicating, often, what the child has written or drawn may provide additional detail and can enhance the overall report provided by the child.

Do you have a question about forensic interviewing? Ask the experts. CornerHouse Trainers are all active forensic interviewers with over 40 years of combined experience in the field. Submit your question to training@cornerhousemn.org with the subject line "Ask the Trainer" and you (and the answer) could be featured in our next Training Corner.
New CornerHouse Website

CornerHouse has a new and improved website. We've been working very hard on it and are very excited to show it off. Please check it out: www.cornerhousemn.org