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## Interviewing Vulnerable Witnesses Program

### Team

Investigations Training Team

### Purpose

The purpose of Interviewing Vulnerable Witnesses Program is to develop an understanding of the skills needed to successfully obtain an uncorrupted version of events during an interview with a child or intellectually impaired witness.

### Who Should Attend

Participants on the program will be management-initiated selections based on their experience and aptitude in investigations management.

### Selection Criteria

This program is only available to sworn members, however preference will be given to members working in the following areas:

- Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Team (ACT)
- Child Protection Operations (CPO)
- Transnational Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking Team (TSETT)

### Prerequisites

Participants are required to undertake the following prior to attending the program;

- Learn verbatim a series of questions supplied by program manager; and
- Read material supplied by program manager which will enable participants to develop and build the underpinning knowledge necessary for the program.

### Structure

The Interviewing Vulnerable Witness Program is a 4 day (2 phase) program which draws on the experiences of subject matter experts to deliver relevant subject content. Facilitators and mentors support the participants in the development of their investigation skills and management.

In Phase 1 participants are required to participate in classroom presentations and complete assessment events. This phase will focus on legislative requirements and interviewing methodologies. Phase 2 requires participants to consolidate the training from Phase 1 through the evaluation of interviews post training as well as demonstrate their ability to apply practices in a final interview practical.

The program will consist of assessment items including:

- Examination (closed book);
- Research and presentations on legislation and contemporary investigative topic; and
- Practical (Scenario) participation.

During the course of this program participants will be able to:

- Establish key principles or beliefs underpinning effective interviewing; and
- Become 'prescribed persons' as per the Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulation 1991 (ACT).

## Program Duration and Authorised Hours

Phase 1 - 3 days [24 hours] of formal class participation

Phase 2 - 1 day [8 hours] of formal class participation

Participants will return to their workplace between the phases to consolidate knowledge, practice and theory.

## Location

AFP College, Barton, Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

## Contact Details

If you would like further information about this training program, contact [Investigations-Training](mailto:Investigations-Training@afp.gov.au) via email.

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