

DATE: March 16, 2015

TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Tribal Leaders

FROM: Monty Wilkinson, Director
Executive Office for United States Attorneys

BY: Cameron G. Chandler, Associate Director
Office of Legal Education

SUBJECT: **Forensic Interviewing of Child and Adolescent Victims and Witnesses
in Indian Country Seminar**
Columbia, South Carolina
June 9-12, 2015

ATTENTION: Training Officers/SACs/SSRAs

DUE DATE: **Nominations are due by April 3, 2015**

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The U.S. Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring a seminar on Forensic Interviewing of Child and Adolescent Victims and Witnesses in Indian Country Seminar. The seminar will be held June 9-12, 2015, at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Travel and lodging accommodations will be provided by the Office of Legal Education.

Forensic interviewing is an interviewing process used with children for the purpose of providing evidence to the police, prosecutors, and the court in the investigation and prosecution of suspected abuse. The goal of a forensic interview is to obtain a statement from a child in a developmentally-sensitive, unbiased, and truth seeking manner. This training is specifically designed for federal and tribal investigators and prosecutors who have responsibility for conducting forensic interviews of child and adolescent victims and witnesses. In this course, the attendee will receive instruction on the latest research-based information on interviewing techniques, and will be provided opportunities to develop and refine interviewing skills during child interviewing exercises.

Please copy and complete the attached form for each of your nominees and E-Mail or FAX to the attention of Delores McCarter, Office of Legal Education, FAX number (803) 705-5110.

Nominations are due by April 3, 2015. The Office of Legal Education will review all nominations and will send an e-mail advising nominees of their selection on or about April 13, 2015. Selected nominees will also receive travel and lodging information.

In order to ensure that our records are correct, please type in the required information when completing the nomination forms. Illegible and/or incomplete forms will not be considered.

Due to the increasing number of last minute cancellations we must ask that only nominations for those who are certain to attend be submitted.

The Executive Office for United States Attorneys will provide reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities. Requests should be made to Delores McCarter as early as possible, preferably at least two weeks in advance of the seminar. No nominee will be excluded from a course on the basis of a disability-related accommodations request.

This training is authorized under the Government Employees Training Act.

Any questions regarding this training seminar should be directed to Delores McCarter at (803) 705-5123.

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NOMINATION FORM

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS NOMINATION FORM BY APRIL 3, 2015, AND EMAIL OR FAX IT TO:
Delores McCarter at delores.mccarter@usdoj.gov or FAX: (803) 705-5110**

*Order of Preference:	____ of ____
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Please type your information below:

Name of Nominee (Last, First, MI):	
Nominee's Job Title:	
Name of Tribe and/or Agency:	
Office Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Office Telephone Number:	
Secondary Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Supervisor's Name and Number:	

**If multiple applicants are from the same agency, please have the Training Officer or Supervisor rank applicants in order of preference.*

1. Is nominee a prosecutor, police officer/investigator, or child welfare worker?
 - Prosecutor
 - Police Officer/Investigator
 - Child Welfare Worker
 - None of the above

2. How long has nominee been a prosecutor, police officer/investigator, or child welfare worker?
 - Less than a year
 - 1-3 years
 - 3.5 years - 5 years
 - 5 years or more

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NOMINATION FORM (continued):

3. The nominee currently has responsibility for conducting forensic interviews of children who may have been physically or sexually abused.
- True
 - False
4. What percentage of time is the nominee assigned to investigations or prosecutions involving child physical and/or sexual abuse in Indian country?
- 10 percent or less
 - 10-50%
 - 50-75%
 - 75-99%
 - 100 percent
5. The nominee has not attended any other forensic interviewing class within the past 3 years.
- True
 - False