



# SAFE (Safe and Accessible Forensic Interviewing with Elders) Training

## 2-Day Training Overview

SAFE (Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders) Training was developed to meet the growing need for victim-centered, trauma-informed interview techniques for use with older adults in criminal contexts.

The SAFE Two-Day training 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. This training is in collaboration with Modell Consulting Group, LLC.

### Headshot and Bio of Presenter:

Staci Whitney, LMSW is the Senior Director for Modell Consulting Group, LLC. Since 2017, Ms. Whitney has been responsible for teaching and co-authoring trainings on interviewing individuals from vulnerable populations.



Specifically, Ms. Whitney led two projects to develop advanced Forensic Interviewing protocols for interviewing individuals with disabilities and older adults. Prior to her work with MCG, Ms. Whitney was the Senior Forensic Interviewer at Bivona Child Advocacy Center and was responsible for developing Bivona's Forensic Interviewing Program. Ms. Whitney has developed and delivered numerous trainings to Multidisciplinary Team Members internationally on recognizing and responding to suspicions and reports of maltreatment.



### Dates:

August 25-26, 2026

### Times:

9:00am to 4:30pm (Local Time) both days

### Location:

U.S. Attorney's Office. Main Conference Room.  
222 W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Rm 253,  
Anchorage, AK 99513

**If unable to attend in-person, there is also a virtual option.**

### Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/CieHC5SzVnJhGFbA8>

Completion of this course does not confer expertise as interviewing expertise is attained through repeated training and practice. However, this course provides the basic tools needed to understand elder abuse and effectively communicate with older adults.