

# Learning to Listen

## Dynamic Instruction

APSAC's four-day Virtual Clinic strives to bridge the gap between research and practice, so that what interviewers do is informed by relevant research at the same time that skills are honed based on feedback from front-line professionals.

The Clinic's central focus is **learning to listen** effectively to children, something that requires genuine engagement, successful use of open-ended prompts, and a recognition that best practices will continue to evolve based on new research and interviewer experience.

Multidisciplinary expert instructors teach participants to use critical thinking and techniques that will elicit reliable information from children while taking into account the individual child's cultural background and special needs.

### **Interview Practicum:**

The Interview Practicum is a key feature of the Clinic. Participants conduct mock interviews and receive constructive feedback aimed at building on and improving professional skills.

## Child Forensic Interview Clinics

*Ensure you're conducting interviews based on the latest research and up-to-date best practices.*

**APSAC'S Child Forensic Interview Clinics will provide you with the latest interview techniques and prepare you to explain and defend those techniques in court.**



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*"The tools and skills gained from APSAC have helped me move away from the reliance and crutch of anatomical drawings when conducting child forensic interviews. By using the techniques taught, I have observed that children elicit much more detail in their narrative, which makes my job, as well as the job of law enforcement and prosecution, much easier."*

- **Child Forensic Interviewer**

### **APSAC'S Mission**

*To improve society's response to the abuse and neglect of its children by promoting effective interdisciplinary approaches to identification, intervention, treatment, and prevention of child maltreatment.*



**One question can change everything.**

**MAKE IT THE RIGHT ONE.**

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*As publishers of the national standards on Child Forensic Interviews and pioneers of the structured narrative interview model, APSAC offers the opportunity to learn from field experts in an immersive, personalized Clinic.*



GET 32 HOURS  
CLOSER TO  
BECOMING A

## Skilled Forensic Interviewer

### Clinic attendees will:

- Learn research-based state-of-the-art forensic interview structure, components and techniques
- Practice interviewing skills in a supportive environment and receive feedback from experienced professionals
- Be better prepared to explain and defend interview techniques in court

### Training topics include:

- Forensic Interviewing Evolution, Models & Current Issues
- Child Abuse Dynamics & Disclosure
- Child Development Considerations & Linguistic Issues
- Key Memory Concepts & Question Types
- Basic Interview Structure, Components, & Questioning Techniques
- Eliciting Details & Other Law Enforcement Concerns
- Interviewing Adolescents
- Overcoming Reluctance
- Legal Considerations, Effective Testimony, & Defending the Interview in Court

### Who should attend?

- Anyone whose job includes **forensic** interviewing of children who have witnessed violence or who are suspected victims of child maltreatment
- Professionals in the fields of child advocacy, law enforcement, child protective services, social services, medicine, law, and mental health

*APSAC's virtual Child Forensic Interview Clinic delivers advanced knowledge and interviewing skills, all rooted in promoting and protecting the **best interests of the child.***

Approved by the National Children's Alliance to meet forensic interviewing accreditation standard

See what participants are saying...

*"What's truly innovative about APSAC is that they are constantly using the most up to date research about interviewing techniques that are used in their trainings, instead of giving you a script that could be outdated by the next year! The variety of teaching styles was also helpful, offering all types of learners an opportunity to learn best. Also, their hands-on mock court is an important learning experience that was not offered by other providers and made it worth-while to attend APSAC's clinic."*

- **Child Forensic Interviewer,**  
Asheville, NC

Never stop learning.  
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[www.apsac.org](http://www.apsac.org)



## More than a class

### All Participants Will Receive:

- APSAC's national *Practice Guidelines on Forensic Interviewing in Cases of Suspected Child Abuse*
- The *APSAC Code of Ethics*
- Extensive resource materials including a comprehensive list of relevant research and selected research articles
- Valuable tools to use for peer and self-review, that will enable continued improvement in interviewing skills long after the Clinic has concluded

**Check our website for upcoming dates!**



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