



**TRAUMA-INFORMED
PROSECUTOR PROJECT**



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Mississippi Forensic Interviewer at Trial

April 28, 2021 – DAY 1

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| 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Welcome and Introductions
Victor Vieth, Chief Program Officer, Education & Research |
| 8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | <i>Child Abuse Interviews – An Overview</i>
Rita Farrell, Director, ChildFirst |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | <i>Testifying in Court: Lay and Expert Testimony from Forensic Interviewers</i>
Victor Vieth |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | <i>Assessing Children’s Statements for Investigative and Court Purposes</i>
Rita Farrell |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Break |
| 2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | <i>Current Research and Implications for Forensic Interviewers</i>
Rita Farrell |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | <i>Team Meetings / Witness Preparation</i> |

April 29, 2021 – DAY 2

8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.	Exercise Overview Faculty
8:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Exercise: Direct Examination/Cross-Examination Faculty
9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	Break
9:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Exercise: Direct Examination/Cross-Examination
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Exercise: Direct Examination/Cross-Examination
3:10 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Break
3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	When the Smoke Clears: Cross-Examination of the Defense Expert's Attack on a Forensic Interview Victor Vieth
4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Review & Wrap-up

April 30, 2021 – DAY 3

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Exercise: Direct Examination/Cross-Examination
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	When the Child Stands Alone: Corroborating the Forensic Interview Victor Vieth
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Exercise: Cross-Examination of the Expert Witness
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Exercise: Cross-Examination of the Expert Witness
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Course Debriefing and Closing Remarks Victor Vieth