

Oregon Guidelines for Onboarding a New Child Forensic Interviewer

Oregon has specific requirements and guidance for new child forensic interviewers which are outlined below.

REQUIRED: Prior to conducting interviews, new child forensic interviewers must:

- Contact your [Regional Children's Advocacy Center](#) for guidance, support and resources.
- Register for and complete the first available [Oregon Child Forensic Interviewing Training \(OCFIT\)](#).
 - If unable to complete OCFIT before conducting interviews, complete a minimum of 32 hours of instruction and practice from a National Children's Alliance (NCA) approved child forensic interviewer training. See the [OCAS Training and TA Guide for MDTs and CACs](#) for more information. **Completing OCFIT at the earliest opportunity is required even if you have completed another NCA approved child forensic interviewer training.**
- Study the [Oregon Child Forensic Interviewing Guidelines](#) (OIG).
- Review your county's Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) protocols.

Child forensic interviewers must adhere to all relevant state and federal statutes and should follow local MDT protocols. When conducting interviews at a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), the child forensic interviewer must also adhere to the policies and practices of the CAC.

RECOMMENDED: It's recommended that new child forensic interviewers:

- Prior to conducting interviews, observe at least 6 live interviews conducted at the CAC or through your RCAC.
- Prior to conducting interviews, review recorded interviews covering a range of ages and types of abuse to understand different dynamics and best practices.
- Ensure that your first 10 forensic interviews are peer-reviewed either in-house or through your regional provider. Whenever possible, have each interview reviewed before conducting the next one to receive feedback and improve your technique.
- Engage in Oregon statewide peer review sessions monthly for at least the first six months of practice. Use this opportunity to receive feedback, refine skills, and stay aligned with best practices in forensic interviewing.

While all child forensic interviewers in Oregon must meet the required elements above, the items listed under recommended training should be customized to meet the individual needs of the new child forensic interviewer.

For minimal qualifications for center-based forensic interviewers in Oregon and ongoing minimum training requirements see Appendix B to the [Oregon Child Forensic Interviewing Guidelines](#).

Additional Resources & Related Content

[National Children's Alliance Accreditation Standards](#) for information on best practices.

[Oregon Child Abuse Solutions](#) for OCFIT information.

[Oregon Department of Justice](#) for information about the CAMI Program and useful links.