



# MOBILE TEAM TRAINING UNIT IV



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### INTERVIEWING CHILDREN

**PURPOSE OF COURSE:** This one day, 8-hour program has been designed by an expert in the field of interviewing children for the purpose of providing student officers with additional methods and information for interviewing juveniles during criminal investigations.

**COURSE OVERVIEW:** This course has been designed to provide patrol officers, investigators, or juvenile officers with additional methods and information for interviewing children in criminal investigations. Interviewing children requires a special skill-set.

This course will provide a framework for interviewing children who are victims or witnesses to crimes. Our instructor conducts over 125 forensic interviews of children per year.

EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON PRACTICAL EXERCISES CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE COURSE. THIS COURSE WILL UTILIZE CASE VIGNETTES FOR PRACTICAL APPLICATION.

Topics to be discussed include the following:

Interview settings for children

Child development and cognitive abilities – What should your expectations be for different age groups

Cognitive evaluation

Types of questions – from open-ended to leading

Interviewing aides

Stages of a child interview

Establishing timelines with children

Blocks to interviewing children – Disabilities and Mental Health issues

While issues of domestic violence to children and sexual assault of children will be discussed, it is not the intent of this course to teach those types of interview techniques specifically.

**DATE:** September 30, 2024

**REGISTRATIONS ENDS: September 16, 2024**

**TIME:** 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

**Location:** MTTU IV East Moline, 1033 7th Street

**Instructor:** Danielle Butts

**Maximum Enrollment:** 35

**Cost:** MTTU IV MEMBERS: \$ 0.00 - NON MTTU IV MEMBERS: \$0.00. Members have first priority.

**Per Board approval, this Class Meets the following Mandatory Training Key Guidelines.**

Civil Rights (.5 hours); Constitutional/Proper Use of LE. Authority (.5 hours); Crisis Intervention (.5 hours); Human Rights (.5 hours); Procedural Justice (3 hours);

**Lead Homicide Continuing Ed.—8 hours**

**School Resource Officer— Officer & Youth Interaction (8 hours)**

*This course is funded by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board*

Mobile Team Training Unit IV has received certification for this course with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board