

2022 Statewide Trainer Biographies

Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training & Collaborative Child Abuse Response



Cari Allen

Forensic Interviewer, Jackson County CAC

Cari Allen is the Program Director, Regional Trainer and Child Forensic Interviewer at the Jackson County Children's Advocacy Center, since 2007. She is a member of the state training team for the Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training, advanced child forensic interview trainings, and other statewide trainings, since 2012. Cari is a member of the Regional Service work group that was responsible for developing curriculum for numerous state wide trainings. She is a member of the work group that developed the 3rd-5th editions of the Oregon Interview Guidelines. Cari has presented nationally at the APSAC Colloquium, and the Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference.



Samantha Fenner, MS

Lead Child Forensic Interviewer, Klamath-Lake CARES

Samantha Fenner is the Lead Child Forensic Interviewer at Klamath-Lake CARES, since 2006. She is a member of the state training team for the Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training, and other statewide trainings, since 2014. Samantha is a member of the work group that developed the Oregon Interviewing Guidelines, 5th Edition.

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Esther Friedman

Staff Interviewer, ABC House

Esther Friedman is a staff interviewer at Liberty House in Salem, Oregon, serving Marion and Polk counties. She has been a member of the statewide training team for the Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training since 2014 and has presented other statewide and local trainings on topics such as trauma, memory, interviewing, use of tools in an interview, and disabilities. Esther moderates peer review for the Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center and regularly attends local and regional peer reviews. She specializes in interviewing children and adults with disabilities and children with mental health issues. Esther has Masters Degrees in Bilingual Education and Special Education as well as doctoral training in clinical psychology. She was trained as an interviewer by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children in Seattle, Washington. She has worked with children since 1992 in various roles and is a licensed special education teacher as well as a trained interpreter. She has been training adults since 2005, covering topics such as disability issues, trauma, and memory. She has worked as a forensic interviewer since 2009.



Katie Greathouse, MSW, LCSW

Forensic Interviewer/Regional Trainer, Mt. Emily Safe Center

Katie Greathouse, LCSW is the Program Manager, Regional Trainer and Child Forensic Interviewer at Mt. Emily Safe Center in La Grande, Oregon. Katie has been a member of the state training team for the Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training, advanced child forensic interviewer trainings, and other statewide trainings since 2012. She is a member of the Regional Service work group that is responsible for developing curriculum for numerous statewide trainings. Katie is a member of the work group that developed the 3rd-5th editions of the Oregon Interviewing Guidelines. Katie has presented nationally at the APSAC Colloquium, the Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference and the San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment.

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Rachel Petke, LCSW

Forensic Interviewer Supervisor, CARES Northwest

Rachel has been a forensic interviewer at CARES Northwest in Portland, Oregon since 2004 and has been the supervisor since 2018. She is also a regional CAC trainer, facilitating peer review for center based forensic interviewers and providing trainings for multidisciplinary professionals working in the field of child abuse. Rachel has been a member of the statewide training team for the Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training since 2017. She has a master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago, and has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker since 1998. Rachel has been working with children and families for over twenty years. Her experience includes both inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment, as well as program supervision and development.



Nichole Satterwhite, MS

Forensic Interviewer/Regional Services Coordinator, Kids FIRST Center

Nichole Satterwhite, MS is the Lead Forensic Interviewer and Regional Trainer at Kids FIRST, in Eugene OR. Nichole has been practicing as a forensic interviewer since 2006 and has worked in the field of child abuse for over twenty years. Since 2012, she has been a member of the State Training Team presenting and creating curriculum for OCFIT, CCAR, and other advanced training topics. She is a member of the work group that revised and developed the 3rd-5th editions of the Oregon Interviewing Guidelines.



Jennifer Wheeler, LPC

Child Abuse Interviewer, CARES Northwest

Jennifer Wheeler, LPC has been a forensic interviewer at CARES Northwest in Portland, Oregon, since 2004, and she is also a regional CAC trainer. Jennifer is a Licensed Professional Counselor and has worked with children and families in a variety of settings prior to interviewing. Since 2013, she has been a member of the statewide training team for the Oregon Child Abuse Forensic Training (OCFIT), advanced child forensic interview trainings, as well as other statewide trainings. Jennifer is also a member of the regional service workgroup responsible for updating and developing curriculum for various statewide trainings, including OCFIT. She has also been involved in updating and drafting the 4th and 5th editions of the Oregon Interviewing Guidelines as a member of this workgroup.