

The Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia (CACVA) is pleased to announce the availability of ChildFirst™ Virginia Forensic Interview Training.

The training curriculum is provided by the National Child Protection Training Center and CornerHouse, a nonprofit interagency child abuse evaluation and training center located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. ChildFirst™ Virginia is designed for multidisciplinary team (MDT) members and is the ideal course for law enforcement officers, child protective service workers, prosecutors, child protection attorneys, and forensic interviewers who are seeking to enhance their ability to speak to and for abused children.

The first training is scheduled for **March 12 - 16th, 2012** at Virginia Highlands Community College in Abingdon, Virginia.

Localities are encouraged to send multidisciplinary teams to this training; however individuals will be accommodated as space permits. Up to 40 students will be accepted for the training session.

Applications must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on January 27th, 2011** for the March 12 – 16th training session. Please contact CACVA staff Jennifer Austin at 276-644-3371 or jennifercacva@bvu.net for more information or to request an individual or team application.

The Department of Social Services will support the attendance of CPS workers and/or supervisors by offering scholarships to pay tuition fees, lodging and per diem, and travel expenses. If you are interested, after you receive confirmation of acceptance into the course, please contact Marian Kempson at marian.kempson@dss.virginia.gov or at 804-726-7555 to submit your request for a scholarship.