



# Comprehensive Victim Interviewing (CVI)

Helping Victims Retrieve and Disclose Traumatic Memories

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For victims who report sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, and other traumatic incidents, the purpose of an investigative interview is to help them:

- (1) *Retrieve* details of the traumatic event from memory, and
- (2) *Disclose* these details to an investigator.

This purpose is the same regardless of whether the interview is conducted by law enforcement, Title IX investigators, Human Resources personnel, or others. Yet achieving this goal requires a great deal of work before, during, and after the interview.

Join us for this intensive 2-day training on Comprehensive Victim Interviewing (CVI), led by veteran law enforcement investigators and other leading national experts. After opening with an interactive exercise based on a 911 call, presenters will briefly review the scientific research on stress, trauma, and memory, as well as research on what works – and doesn't – when it comes to effective investigative interviews. This scientific and practical knowledge will then be applied to best practices for:

- Conducting an initial interview and preliminary investigation
- Planning, preparing, and conducting an in-depth victim interview
- Documenting victim statements and other investigative findings
- Following up with additional interviews and an evolving investigation, and
- Supporting best practices through bold and innovative leadership

Through engaging presentation, compelling videos, guided activities, and interactive Q&A with leading national experts, participants will walk away from this session better prepared to conduct effective victim interviews and evidence-based investigations.

**As a result of this session, participants will be better able to:**

- Describe how victim behavior and memory can be impacted before, during and after a traumatic event such as sexual assault, intimate partner violence, or stalking.
- Identify key strategies to support the victim's *recall* and *disclosure* of traumatic memories in the context of comprehensive investigative interviewing.
- Apply both scientific and practical knowledge to the tasks of planning, conducting, documenting, and following up on Comprehensive Victim Interviewing.
- Examine how Comprehensive Victim Interviewing fits into the larger context of ever-evolving and evidence-based investigations of sexual assault and other crimes.

