

In partnership,  
The Alberta Criminal Justice Association and Grant MacEwan University  
proudly present:

# Interviewing Victims of Trauma

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Professionals working with survivors of violent crime (e.g., sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and other major crime) are often confronted by the impact that trauma has on a survivor's ability to talk about and accurately recall details of the traumatizing experience. This provides a challenge not only for law enforcement, but also for healthcare workers, counselors, and social service agencies who work with trauma survivors. Professionals who work closely with those impacted by trauma benefit from having a sound understanding of: how trauma effects memory and a variety of memory processes, such as memory for historical events, repressed memory, false memories; questioning techniques; repeated interviews and more.

This **one-day workshop** focuses on building capacity in the use of evidence-based cognitive interview approaches and assessment principals.

**PRESENTER: DR. SARAH MACDONALD** is a Forensic Psychologist and published author who specializes in Memory and Forensic Interviewing in Calgary, Canada. She provides education and training to Law Enforcement in Alberta, Judges, Prosecutors, Physicians, among others. She has conducted and published research, including a book chapter, examining cognitive processes underlying investigative interview techniques, psychological-based investigative practices, deception detection/credibility assessment, and memory. She was trained in Advanced Cognitive Interviewing in the U.K. and has developed and taught this course (the first of its' kind in North America) to Canadian police officers in Major Crimes who interview significant witnesses and victims of crime.

## Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the impact of trauma on survivors of violent crimes.
2. Improve questioning techniques based on memory science.
3. Enhance understanding of offending behavior.
4. Use conversation management approaches to facilitate survivor engagement.
5. How to detect when information is being withheld.

## Target Audience:

This presentation will be valuable for a multidisciplinary audience of professionals, researchers and students across sectors of social services, justice and health care.

## Location and Time:

**Registration Desk Open:** 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.

**Workshop:** Friday, September 28, 2018, 9 – 4 p.m.

**Grant MacEwan University – 10910 104 Avenue**

Paul Byrne Hall, Room 9-115, Robbins Health Learning Center

**Paid parking:** West Parkade or lot located on 105Ave./110St.

## Cost (lunch and refreshments):

**Early Bird - \$149.00**

After September 07, 2018 - \$199.00

**Limited Seating!**

Registration is **non-refundable**, but transferable.

**To register, please visit our website: [www.acja.ca](http://www.acja.ca)**

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