



## Colorado Law Enforcement Officers Association Training Opportunity

### Forensic Interviewing of Children & Adolescents

Host By: Pueblo Police Department

Class Location: 130 Central Main St. - Pueblo, CO

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Dates: March 4th, 2010 - 8:00 am/5:00pm

Instructors: Linda Mikow and Rhea Staniszewski,

***Instructors Bios:***

***Linda Mikow, MA, LPC***, has been a Forensic Therapist since 2002, and has conducted more than 2,000 forensic interviews. She has worked for Ralston House since August 2006, and prior to that she worked at the Jeffco Children's Alliance. Linda has close to 21 years working with abused children and their families.

***Rhea Staniszewski, MSW, LSW***, is a bilingual Victim/Family Support Advocate for Ralston House, where she provides crisis intervention for children and their families. For the past seven years, Rhea has worked almost exclusively with child and adult victims of abuse, neglect and domestic violence in various capacities, including crisis intervention, short-term counseling, group therapy, case management, program management and development, grant writing and volunteer management.

***Course Description:*** This course will offer an overview of the fundamentals of forensic interviewing of children and adolescents who have been abused or witnesses to a crime. The training will include a detailed description of the different components of the forensic interview; including, but not limited to: rapport building, narrative and sequencing, ground rules, how to introduce the topic, clarifying questions and testing hypothesis. Besides the forensic interviewing process, participants will learn about basic child development and trauma, an overview of the multi-disciplinary team and victim advocacy process, investigative considerations, and how to defend an interview in court.

***\$40.00 Members - \$65.00 Non-Members***

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