Matt Linzer

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PROFILE

Highly experienced professional with over 20 years in child protection, forensic interviewing, and complex criminal investigations. Conducted over 2900 forensic interviews with children and vulnerable adults and qualified by the Court as a Subject Matter Expert in the field of Child Forensic Interviewing. Co Director of Clear Voice Interview Services Inc., providing Voice of Child interviews in family law matters and specialized training to child protection, law enforcement, legal, and family law professionals. Experienced in courtroom testimony, multidisciplinary collaboration, professional consultation, and the development and delivery of evidence-based child interviewing training.

EXPERIENCE

Founder/Director/Child Interviewer, Clear Voice Interview Services Inc.

Current– Edmonton

- Conduct Voice of Child Interviews for parenting, and other legal matters
- Co-Creator/Facilitator: CVIS Collaborative Child Forensic Interview Training, Best Practices in Child Interviewing; a Forensic Lens, Best Practices in Voice of Child Interviewing for Family Law Professionals
- Comprehensive report writing
- Expert witness testimony
- Webinar presentations; Alberta Family Mediation Society (June 23, 2026), Family Mediation Canada (May 6, 2026), CBA Child and Youth Section (April 23, 2026)
- Guest Lecturer – Forensic Interviews of Children and Vulnerable Adults, Grant MacEwan University – Delivered lectures on forensic interviewing techniques and trauma-informed practices to Public Safety and Justice Studies students, November 2024, April and November 2025, March and October 2026
- Consultant for the Alberta Law Reform Institute assessing Voice of Child processes in Alberta

Specialized Investigator/Child Forensic Interviewer

Zebra Child and Youth Advocacy Centre – Edmonton | February 2013 – November 2024

- Conducted over 2,900 forensic interviews with children and vulnerable adults, supporting investigations involving RCMP, EPS, CPS, ICE, Canadian Armed Forces Police, and other international police agencies including the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Swedish National Police Service.
- Regional Lead Special Investigator with respect to the Practice Note 5 process, authoring over 150 PN5s for Family Law matters.
- Contributing investigative member and authored task reports for major investigations, including 15 EPS homicide files and multiple RCMP Major Crimes files.
- Provided expert witness testimony in court proceedings, qualified as a Subject Matter Expert in Child Forensic Interviewing.

- Established and co-facilitated the Zebra Centre child forensic interview peer review process to ensure adherence to best practices and build skills in others.
- Mentored law enforcement and child welfare professionals in forensic interviewing techniques and investigative assessments.
- Collaborated with Indigenous Governing Bodies, Delegated First Nations Agencies, and community partners to conduct culturally sensitive investigations.
- Specialized internal CFS investigations with the Placement Concerns Response Unit
- Contributor to the Zebra Centre's daily intake triage meeting to integrate multidisciplinary perspectives in decision-making.
- Presenter, Canadian Bar Association, Child and Youth Law Section with Justice Yungwirth, November 2019 (When Zebra gets Involved).
- Co-Creator/Facilitator: EPS School Resource Officer Unit, 1-day in-service training, Best Practices for Interviewing Teens (May 2025)

Assessor/Investigator
Child and Family Services – Edmonton | August 2005 – February 2013

- Conducted over 300 complex, and comprehensive child protection investigations involving multiple agencies and stakeholders.
- Worked collaboratively with contracted agencies, community stakeholders, Delegated First Nations Agencies, Indigenous communities, Canadian Newcomers, and other marginalized communities.

EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Social Work Diploma, Grant MacEwan University, 2005
RSW, Alberta College of Social Workers

SKILLS / TRAINING

- Advanced Child Forensic Interviewing: The Forensic Practice (2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022)
- NICHD Forensic Interview Refresher (2022)
- NCAC Advanced Child Forensic Interview Training (2017, 2019)
- The Cognitive Interview, Julie Kenniston (2013, 2015)
- NCAC Interviewing Children and Adults with Disabilities (2015, Huntsville, Alabama)
- Certified Instructor: Joint Investigations with Police and CFS (2022)
- Certified Instructor: Team Investigation of Child Sexual Abuse (2014)
- Syndicate Leader, Subject Matter Expert, EPS-ISEP 200-Interviewing Witnesses (2024)
- Syndicate Leader, Subject Matter Expert, EPS-ISEP 300-Interviewing Suspects (2024)
- Ability to adapt interview protocols and approaches to accommodate a varying array of social, cognitive, language, and educational abilities
- Trauma-Informed Practices
- Multidisciplinary Collaboration
- Criminal Investigations and Report Writing
- Cultural Sensitivity and Communication