

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Implementing the *Guidelines on Justice for Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime: Developing an Online Training Tool*

As we all know, involvement in the criminal justice system can be daunting. This is especially so for child victims and witnesses. As such professionals working in the criminal justice system must understand the rights of child victims and witnesses and be well versed in strategies for providing support. For these reasons the United Nations adopted the *Guidelines on Justice for Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime* (view online at http://www.unodc.org/pdf/crime/expert_mtg_2005-03-15/res_2004-27_e.pdf). In support of the guidelines the UN Office on Drugs and Crime is supporting the development of an online training tool that will be widely available to professionals.

As the writer of this training tool I am requesting your assistance. *I am seeking examples of promising practices that provide support for child victims and witnesses, especially those which address the Rights as identified in the Guidelines* (see above link). Promising practices include:

- **legislation** at any level that supports the rights of child victims and witnesses;
- **programs** which actively support the rights of child victims and witnesses; and
- **approaches** used by the professional groups who will be invited to utilize the online training tool (judges and magistrates; prosecutors; lawyers; law enforcement professionals; social workers; health-care professionals; community workers; community members; NGO representatives).

If you can forward any examples of promising practices to me I would be pleased to include them in the online training tool. Feel free to forward any materials that you think might be relevant.

Thanks for taking the time to consider this request,

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