

# Child Physical Abuse and Neglect Investigations: The Basics (Virtual Training)

**Who should attend:** DSS caseworkers and attorneys, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, guardians ad litem, Children's Advocacy Center professionals, child abuse medical providers

**Overview:** This two-part virtual training focuses on the basics of child physical abuse and neglect investigations with an emphasis on multidisciplinary coordination. Part I of the training will focus on understanding the prevalence of child abuse and neglect, recognizing red flags and risk factors, distinguishing between inflicted and accidental injuries, the emergency protective custody process, and interviewing. In the interviewing segment of the training, we will begin with a review of general techniques of interviewing and then broaden the discussion to include all of the individuals that need to be interviewed for a comprehensive investigation and the questions that should be asked. Part II will focus on proper documentation and evidence collection and a discussion of applicable definitions of abuse and neglect and criminal laws.

This training will be offered on a virtual platform. Links will be sent near the date of the training.

## Dates and Times:

Part 1	Part 2	
August 31, 2021	September 1, 2021	8:45 am – 12:15 pm
October 20, 2021	October 21, 2021	1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
December 13, 2021	December 14, 2021	8:45 am – 12:15 pm

**You are not required to attend both parts of the training in the same week, but you must complete Part 1 before attending Part 2.**

**Fee:** There is no charge for this training.

**Continuing Education Credits:** This training is approved for a total of 6.25 general contact hours and by the SC Criminal Justice Academy (3.25 hours for Part 1 and 3 hours for Part 2). This training is also approved by the SC Commission on CLE for a total of 6.00 hours (3.00 hours for Part 1 and 3 hours for Part 2).

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**To register:** Go to the Children's Law Center registration system: <https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>