

Child Death Investigations: The Basics (In-Person)

Who should attend: DSS investigators, law enforcement officers, coroners or their designees, prosecutors, child abuse medical professionals, DSS Child Fatality Program Manager

Overview: This is a 1-day, in person training that focuses on the basics of child death investigations. Topics will include causes and manners of child deaths; response and review of a child death, to include an overview of the Child Death Investigation Task Force; proper procedures for conducting reenactments; interviewing parents/caregivers and witnesses; collecting, documenting, and preserving evidence; procedures for photographic documentation; documenting investigative findings; multi-disciplinary coordination of investigations; and the appropriate roles of DSS and law enforcement. Applicable definitions from the Children's Code and criminal statutes will also be addressed. ***This is the same content that is offered as a 3-part, virtual training. It is being offered both virtually and in-person to suit the individual learning needs of attendees.***

This training will be hosted at the Children's Law Center's Training Center, 1114 Pickens St. Columbia, SC 29208.

Dates:

January 9, 2023
April 5, 2023
May 8, 2023

Course Times: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: The SC Criminal Justice Academy and ABMDI have approved 6 hours of continuing education. DSS investigators will receive 6 hours for general contact hours.

For more information: Contact Daniel Ford at djford@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-576-7235.

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

Child Death Investigations: The Basics (Virtual Training)

Who should attend: DSS investigators, law enforcement officers, coroners or their designees, prosecutors, child abuse medical professionals, DSS Child Fatality Program Manager

Overview: This is a 3-part, virtual training that focuses on the basics of child death investigations. This training will be broken up into 3, 2-hour blocks. Topics will include causes and manners of child deaths; response and review of a child death, to include an overview of the Child Death Investigation Task Force; proper procedures for conducting reenactments; interviewing parents/caregivers and witnesses; collecting, documenting, and preserving evidence; procedures for photographic documentation; documenting investigative findings; multi-disciplinary coordination of investigations; and the appropriate roles of DSS and law enforcement. Applicable definitions from the Children's Code and criminal statutes will also be addressed. ***This is the same content that is offered as a 1-day, in-person training. It is being offered both virtually and in-person to suit the individual learning needs of attendees.**

This training will be offered online.

Dates:

Part I: February 13, 2023, March 6, 2023

Part II: February 14, 2023, March 7, 2023

Part III: February 15, 2023, March 8, 2023

Course Times: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: The SC Criminal Justice Academy and ABMDI have approved 2 hours, per part, for continuing education hours. DSS investigators will receive 2 hours, per part, for general contact hours. To receive all 6 hours of credit, you must attend all 3 parts.

For more information: Contact Daniel Ford at diford@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-576-7235.

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

Conducting Reenactments in Child Death Investigations

Who should attend: Law enforcement officers and coroners or their designees who have completed "Child Death Investigations: The Basics" training offered by the Children's Law Center

Overview: This is a 1-day, in-person training that focuses on conducting reenactments with caregivers in child death investigations and incorporates hands-on practice in a mock crime scene apartment. This training begins with a review of the fundamentals of reenactments. Additional topics will include identifying the placer and finder; adapting reenactment techniques to a variety of scenarios; and identifying documentation techniques and challenges. Participants will each be assigned a scenario involving an unexpected child death. Using a demonstration doll, participants will walk through the reenactment process with an actor, or actors, portraying the child's caregiver(s). Simulation trainings aim to mimic the conditions and content of the tasks that an investigator will confront in real life situations and allows individuals to practice their skills and receive feedback without real-world consequences. Participants will receive a demonstration doll to take back with them to their office to use in future investigations.

Location: Children's Law Center's Training Center, 1114 Pickens St. Columbia, SC 29208

Dates:

January 10, 2023

February 21, 2023

March 21, 2023

April 17, 2023

May 23, 2023

June 20, 2023

Course Times: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: The SC Criminal Justice Academy has approved this training for 7.33 continuing education hours. An application has been submitted to AMBDI for continuing education credits.

For more information: Contact Daniel Ford at djford@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-576-7235.

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

Child Physical Abuse and Neglect Investigations: The Basics (In-person)

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

Overview: This training focuses on the basics of child physical abuse and neglect investigations with an emphasis on multidisciplinary coordination. The training will begin with a 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 individuals that need to be interviewed and the questions that should be asked in a comprehensive investigation. The training will also cover proper documentation and evidence collection and a discussion of applicable definitions of abuse and neglect and criminal laws. ***This is the same content that is offered as a 2-part, virtual training. It is being offered both virtually and in-person to suit the individual learning needs of attendees.**

This training will be held at the Children's Law Center's Training Center, 1114 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29208.

Dates:

February 7, 2023

March 20, 2023

May 22, 2023

Course Times: 8:45 am – 4:30 pm

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: This training is approved for a total of 6.5 general contact hours and by the SC Criminal Justice Academy. This training is also approved by the SC Commission on CLE for a total of 6.25 MCLE credit hours.

For more information: Contact Daniel Ford at djford@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-576-7235.

To register: Go to the Children's Law Center registration system:

<https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>.

(DSS staff must register on the SCEIS in addition to the CLC registration system.)

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

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

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 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 is the same content that is offered as an in-person training. It is being offered both virtually and in-person to suit the individual learning needs of attendees.**

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

Dates and Times:

Part I

January 23, 2023 (1:00 pm - 4:30 pm)

Part II

January 24, 2023 (1:00 pm - 4:30 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 6.5 general contact hours and by the SC Criminal Justice Academy (3.25 hours for Part 1 and 3.25 hours for Part 2).

For more information: Contact Daniel Ford at djford@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-576-7235.

To register: Go to the Children's Law Center registration system: <https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>. (DSS staff must register on the SCEIS in addition to the CLC registration system.)

Child Sexual Abuse Investigations: The Basics (In-person)

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

Overview: This training focuses on the basics of child sexual abuse investigations with an emphasis on multidisciplinary coordination. The training will begin with an explanation of the roles and function of the multidisciplinary team (MDT), the dynamics of child sexual abuse, legal issues in child sexual abuse cases such as applicable definitions from the S.C. Children's Code and related criminal statutes, common evidentiary hearsay exceptions used in child abuse cases, and unique child hearsay statutory exceptions. The training will then cover interviewing techniques, and methods and strategies to corroborate a child's disclosure of abuse. ***This training is the same content that is offered as a 2-part virtual training. It is being offered both virtually and in-person to suit the individual learning needs of attendees.**

This training will be held at the Children's Law Center's Training Center, 1114 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29208.

Dates and Times:

February 6, 2023

June 12, 2023

Course Times: 9:00 am – 4:15 pm

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: This training is approved for 5.75 general contact hours and 5.75 hours by the SC Criminal Justice Academy. This training has also been approved by the SC Commission on CLE for a total of 5.75 MCLE credit hours.

For more information: Contact Daniel Ford at djford@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-576-7235.

To register: Go to the Children's Law Center registration system:
<https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>. *(DSS staff must register on the SCEIS in addition to the CLC registration system.)*

Child Sexual Abuse Investigations: The Basics (Virtual Training)

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

Overview: This two-part virtual training focuses on the basics of child sexual abuse investigations with an emphasis on multidisciplinary coordination. Part I of the training will focus on the roles and function of the multidisciplinary team (MDT), the dynamics of child sexual abuse, legal issues in child sexual abuse cases such as applicable definitions from the S.C. Children's Code and related criminal statutes, common evidentiary hearsay exceptions used in child abuse cases, and unique child hearsay statutory exceptions. Part II will focus on interviewing techniques and methods and strategies to corroborate a child's disclosure of abuse. ***This training is the same content that is offered as a 1-day in-person training. It is being offered both virtually and in-person to suit the individual learning needs of attendees.**

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

Dates and Times:

Part I

March 15, 2023 (1:00 pm - 4:00 pm)

Part II

March 16, 2023 (1:00 pm - 4:00 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 6 general contact hours (3 hours for each part) and 6.0 hours by the SC Criminal Justice Academy (3 hours for each part).

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