



Child Sexual Abuse Investigations: The Basics

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 including 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.

All in-person trainings will be held at the Children's Law Center's Training Center, 1114 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29208. A link to the virtual training being offered on 5/6/25 will be sent to registrants near the date of the training.

Dates:

- December 9, 2024 (in-person)
- February 25, 2025 (in-person)
- March 13, 2025 (in-person)
- May 6, 2025 (virtual)
- June 18, 2025 (in-person)

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. This training has also been approved by the SC Criminal Justice Academy for 5.75 hours.

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