



# 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 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 hosted at the Children's Law Center's Training Center, 1114 Pickens St. Columbia, SC 29208.

**Dates:**

February 5, 2024  
June 10, 2024

**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](mailto: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>. DSS must only register in SCEIS.