Child Death Investigations: The Basics (Virtual)

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 2-part, virtual training that focuses on the basics of child death investigations. This training will be broken up into 2, 3-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 and Times:

Part I:
January 23, 2024 (9:00 am – 12:15 pm)
March 5, 2024 (9:00 am – 12:15 pm)
May 13, 2024 (9:00 am – 12:15 pm)

Part II:
January 23, 2024 (1:15 pm – 4:30 pm)
March 5, 2024 (1:15 pm – 4:30 pm)
May 13, 2024 (1:15 – 4:30 pm)

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: An application for continuing education credits has been submitted to the SCCJA and the ABMDI. We anticipate that both entities will approve the training, issuing 6 total hours of credits. Both parts have to be completed, in their entirety, to obtain full credit.

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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.