**RECORDED Webinar: Communication Challenges with Special Populations of Children**

**A S.C. Children’s Justice Act Task Force training initiative**

**Who should attend:** Professionals who have contact with children who have or potentially have been abused or neglected, including but not limited to law enforcement officers, DSS staff, CAC staff, prosecutors, juvenile justice professionals, education staff, and mental health professionals.

**Overview:** This webinar is a multidisciplinary training designed for professionals who may have contact with potentially abused or neglected children with communication barriers. This includes children with autism, speech impairments, intellectual disabilities, visual impairments or blindness, and trauma-induced communication barriers; and children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The training will provide participants with a basic overview of these disabilities, communication challenges that may be encountered, and strategies to effectively communicate with these children. The first half of the training will address children with autism, speech impairments, and intellectual disabilities; and the second half will address children with a visual impairment or blindness, children who are deaf or hard of hearing, and children with trauma-induced communication barriers. Presenters include staff from Family Connections S.C., S.C. Department of Education, S.C. Department of Health and Human Services, S.C. School for the Deaf and the Blind, and Impact Clinical Consulting. Participants will also receive contact list of resource professionals in South Carolina who are available for consultation if needed.

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

**Continuing Education Credits:** There will be no continuing education credit offered for this recorded webinar.

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