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

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 techniquesof interviewing and then broaden the discussion to include all the individuals that need to be interviewedfor 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
March 13, 2024 (9:00 am - 12:15 pm)

Part II
March 13, 2024 (1:15 pm - 4:30 pm)

**You are not required to attend both parts of the training on the same day, 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).

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