

Recognizing and Responding to Problematic Sexual Behaviors in Youth (Virtual Training)

Who should attend: DSS investigators and attorneys, law enforcement, volunteer guardians ad litem, Children's Advocacy Center staff, juvenile prosecutors, juvenile defense attorneys, and child abuse medical providers

Overview: This presentation will focus on recognizing and responding to problematic sexual behaviors in youth. The training will identify myths, describe sexual development of children and adolescents, outline considerations in determining whether the behavior is problematic or inappropriate, and identify co-occurring behavioral problems and family dynamics. The presentation will include a discussion of current treatments or commonly used interventions and risk and recidivism. An understanding of the behavior is crucial to determining if court intervention is appropriate and necessary. The presentation is consistent with the South Carolina Child Abuse Response Protocol pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws §§ 63-11-2400, -2410.

This training will be offered on a virtual platform. The links will be sent near the date of the training.

Dates: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 (11:30 am - 1:00 pm)
Wednesday, April 2, 2025 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: Trainees are expected to receive 1.5 general contact hours for attendance at this training. This has been approved for 1.5 continuing education hours by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, and an application has been made to the South Carolina Commission on CLE.

For more information: Contact Margaret Bodman at margaretbodman@sc.edu or 803-576-7236.

To register: Go to the Children's Law Center registration system at <https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>. DSS employees must register only in SCEIS.