



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 determine 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 to -2410.

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

Dates: Thursday, March 21, 2024 (11:00 am – 12:30 pm)
Thursday, April 18, 2024 (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 training has been approved for 1.5 continuing education hours for law enforcement by the SC Criminal Justice Academy, and a request for MCLE credit hours has been submitted to the SC 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 staff must register only in SCEIS.