Recognizing and Investigating
Child Physical Abuse and Neglect

Who should attend:  DSS caseworkers, DSS attorneys, and law enforcement officers

Overview: This is a 1½ day in-depth training focused on physical abuse and neglect. Topics will include: best practices for investigating alleged reports; distinguishing between inflicted and accidental injuries; collecting, documenting, and preserving evidence; procedures for photographic documentation of injuries; interviewing parents/caregivers; documenting investigative findings; multi-disciplinary coordination of investigations; and the appropriate roles of DSS and law enforcement. Examples of intentional injuries and accidents will be presented by a child abuse pediatrician, who will speak on the medical aspects of physical abuse and neglect. Applicable definitions from the Children’s Code and criminal statutes will be addressed. Attendees will be presented with case scenarios to apply to the training information. Attendees will also receive an introduction to child homicide through a discussion of risk factors associated with child fatalities.

Dates and Locations:

LEXINGTON: April 28-29, 2020
Lexington County Sheriff’s Department
521 Gibson Road
Lexington, SC 29072

WALTERBORO: May 5-6, 2020
Colleton County Sheriff’s Department
215 S. Lemacks Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

NEWBERRY: June 4-5, 2020
Newberry County Sheriff’s Department
550 Wilson Road
Newberry, SC 29108

GEORGETOWN: June 11-12, 2020
Horry-Georgetown Technical College
4003 South Frasier St, Bldg 100G, Room 114
Georgetown, SC 29440

Times: Sign in: 8:45 am; Course on Day 1: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Course on Day 2: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: 8.5 hours of continuing education credit from the SC Criminal Justice Academy expected; 8.5 MCLE credit hours for attorneys from the SC Commission on CLE and Specialization expected; 8.5 hours of general contact hours for social workers.

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To register: Go to the Children’s Law Center registration system at http://sc.edu/clc/registration/.