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 training focuses on the basics of child sexual abuse investigations with an emphasis on multidisciplinary coordination. The training will begin with an explanation of the roles and function of the multidisciplinary team (MDT), the dynamics of child sexual abuse, legal issues in child sexual abuse cases such as applicable definitions from the S.C. Children’s Code and related criminal statutes, common evidentiary hearsay exceptions used in child abuse cases, and unique child hearsay statutory exceptions. The training will then cover interviewing techniques, and methods and strategies to corroborate a child’s disclosure of abuse. *This training is the same content that is offered as a 2-part virtual training. It is being offered both virtually and in-person to suit the individual learning needs of attendees.

This training will be held at the Children’s Law Center’s Training Center, 1114 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29208.

Dates and Times:

February 6, 2023
June 12, 2023

Course Times: 9:00 am – 4:15 pm

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: This training is approved for 5.75 general contact hours and 5.75 hours by the SC Criminal Justice Academy. This training has also been approved by the SC Commission on CLE for a total of 5.75 MCLE credit hours.

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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 register on the SCEIS in addition to the CLC registration system.)