



Multidisciplinary Team Training: Children and Domestic Violence

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National Advocacy Center
1620 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Overview: The intent of this training for members of county multi-disciplinary child abuse teams is to promote more effective investigation of child maltreatment, particularly when interconnected with domestic violence. Attendees will become more fully cognizant of the special dynamics surrounding children exposed to family violence and the importance of a coordinated response from all team members. The current status of SC laws dealing with children's exposure to domestic violence will be examined as well as strategies to upgrade charges when children are present or able to perceive the abuse.

This training will examine the nexus between domestic violence and child abuse and will propose that children's exposure to domestic violence is a distinct form of child maltreatment. Information on the cross-prevalence of the different forms of family violence (DV, child physical and sexual abuse) will be provided. This co-occurrence necessitates that professional responses to these forms of family violence should be integrated and coordinated. The impact of domestic violence on child victims will be highlighted, including psychological trauma, health consequences and the prevalence of concurrent physical and sexual abuse and neglect by the child's caretakers. Strategies for treating the child as a second victim in domestic violence cases in support of legal intervention will be proposed.

Presenters: including Jada Charley, Executive Director of Safe Passage, Inc.; Judy Munson, Assistant Solicitor with Greenville County; consultant and former Tennessee Assistant District Attorney General, Brian Holmgren, from the Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center.

Who should attend: Multi-disciplinary child abuse investigative teams including members from child protection, law enforcement, solicitor's office, and CACs. Individuals must be part of a functioning MDT in order to register. Complete teams are encouraged to attend together but it is not required.

Continuing Education Credits: This training is expected to be approved by the following: SC Criminal Justice Academy for 5 hours of continuing education credits for law enforcement officers; SC Commission on Continuing Legal Education & Specialization for 5 hours of CLE credits; 5 hours of continuing education credits for Victim Service Providers.

Sign-in and coffee: 8:30 am – 9:00 am
Course: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

There is no charge for this training. Lunch and snacks will be provided

To register, please click on the following link:

<https://mdt-children-and-dv.eventbrite.com>



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