

Children's Law Center

University of South Carolina School of Law

Recognizing and Investigating Child Physical Abuse and Neglect

Who should attend: This training is for law enforcement (investigators, Patrol & SRO), DSS, first responders and prosecutors.

Overview: This is a 1 ½ day in-depth training focused on addressing the critical steps to be taken in child physical abuse and neglect investigations for front line investigators and child welfare professionals to include best practices by addressing red flags present in suspicious child abuse situations and the response each discipline should make in protecting the child. The training will focus on documenting and investigating alleged reports of physical abuse, distinguishing between inflicted and accidental injuries and developing corroborating evidence. The second day will be a practical exercise in which attendees will work in groups of four or five students each on different physical abuse scenarios. Students will work through the investigation making decisions about who should be interviewed or consulted, what evidence should be collected, and decide when there is enough facts to seek relative or other placement and/or enough probable cause to arrest. If an arrest is warranted, what charged would be made. Ultimately, the students will prepare an official report for each group.

Date, Times, and Location:

February 7-8, 2019

South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA)

5400 Broad River Road

(Room 140)

Columbia, SC

Check-in: 8:45 am

Course: Thursday: 9:00 am- 4:45 pm; Friday: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Continuing Education Credits: This training is approved for the following credits:

- 9.25 hours from the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy for law enforcement
- 9 hours of CLE credits from the SC Commission on Continuing Legal Education & Specialization for lawyers
- 8.5 general contact hours for Social Workers
- 8.5 credit hours for Victim Service Providers

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Registration is limited to 35 participants. Confirmations will be sent via email. If a session has reached capacity, a waitlist will be established and you will be notified via email.



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Registration Form

Name: _____

Agency: _____

SC Bar No. (Attorney's Only): _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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Email completed registration form to Alexis Younginer at alexisyounginer@sc.edu.

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