



Child Abuse Dynamics Expert Witness Testimony Training

Who should attend: Forensic interviewers and prosecutors

Overview: This training is designed for prosecutors and forensic interviewers in the state to improve skills related to the presentation of child abuse behavioral dynamics evidence in the form of blind expert testimony. The training will begin with a foundational review of the caselaw that allows for the expert testimony and provides guidance on the best practices to offer such testimony. Professionals who have previously testified as expert witnesses will offer their guidance on both the breadth of topics that relate to child abuse behavioral dynamics and the depth of the information provided under each topic. Strategies related to how to properly prepare, communicate, and defend the testimony will be provided. Finally, attendees will have an opportunity to practice offering the relevant testimony in the form of mock direct examinations.

Location: This training will be held at the Joseph F. Rice School of Law, 1525 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29208.

Date: Friday, May 17, 2024

Course Times: 8:45 am – 5:00 pm

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: This training has been submitted to the SC Commission on CLE for a total of 7.25 MCLE credit hours.

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To register: Go to

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