



Children's Law Center
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Emergency Protective Custody: Working as a Multidisciplinary Team

Who should attend: DSS staff, law enforcement, prosecutors, GAL staff, medical professionals, and Children's Advocacy Center staff

Overview: This training will focus on emergency protective custody (EPC) as a multidisciplinary team collaborative process. While South Carolina law authorizes law enforcement to be the ultimate decision-maker when taking a child into EPC, working together to identify the existence, or lack thereof, of substantial and imminent danger increases the confidence and quality of the decision-making process. This training will provide an overview of statutory requirements for taking a child into EPC, response time requirements, and other procedural and substantive information. County memorandums of understanding will be shared for adaptation at the county level across the state. Individual county practices that have proved to be particularly effective at producing a collaborative working relationship will be shared.

Location: Zoom

Dates:

- March 23, 2026
- June 2, 2026

Course Times: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: This training is approved for 1.5 hours of continuing education for law enforcement by the SC Criminal Justice Academy and 1.5 general contact hours.

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To register: Go to the Children's Law Center registration system at <https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>.