

# Child Sexual Abuse Investigations: The Basics (In-person)

**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:**

January 9, 2024  
February 21, 2024  
May 21, 2024

**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 only register on the SCEIS system.)