



# Child Physical Abuse and Neglect Investigations: The Basics

**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 physical abuse and neglect investigations with an emphasis on multidisciplinary coordination. The training will begin with a focus on understanding the prevalence of child abuse and neglect, recognizing red flags and risk factors, distinguishing between inflicted and accidental injuries, the emergency protective custody process, and interviewing. In the interviewing segment of the training, we will begin with a review of general techniques of interviewing and then broaden the discussion to include all individuals that need to be interviewed and the questions that should be asked in a comprehensive investigation. The training will also cover proper documentation and evidence collection and include a discussion of applicable definitions of abuse and neglect and criminal laws.

All in-person trainings will be held at the Children's Law Center's Training Center, 1114 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29208. . A link to the virtual training being offered on 1/23/25 will be sent to registrants near the date of the training.

## Dates:

- January 23, 2025 (virtual)
- March 11, 2025 (in-person)
- May 20, 2025 (in-person)

**Course Times:** 8:45 am – 4:30 pm

**Fee:** There is no charge for this training.

**Continuing Education Credits:** This training is approved for a total of 6 general contact hours. This training has also been approved by the SC Criminal Justice Academy for 6 credit hours.

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