



# Child Death Investigations: The Basics

**Who should attend:** DSS investigators, law enforcement officers, coroners or their designees, prosecutors, child abuse medical professionals, DSS Child Fatality Program Manager

**Overview:** This training will focus on the basics of child death investigations. Topics will include causes and manners of deaths; response and review of a child death, to include an overview of the Child Death Investigation Task Force; proper procedures for conducting reenactments; interviewing parents/caregivers and witnesses; documenting investigative findings; multi-disciplinary coordination of investigations; and the appropriate roles of DSS and law enforcement. Applicable definitions from the S.C. Children's Code and criminal statutes will also be addressed.

All in-person trainings will be held at the Children's Law Center's Training Center, 1114 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29208.

**Date:** September 15, 2026

**Course Times:** 9:00 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. Applications to the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators have been submitted for continuing education approval.

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