Children's Law Center
Joseph F. Rice School of Law
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Child Sexual Abuse 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 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 including 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 also cover interviewing techniques, and methods and strategies to corroborate a child's disclosure of abuse.

Dates and Locations:

- December 15, 2026 - The Rice and Ervin Children's Law Training Center, Columbia, SC
- June 8, 2027- Spartanburg County Courthouse, Spartanburg, SC
- June 29, 2027 - Town of Lexington Police Department, Lexington, SC

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. This training has also been approved by the SC Criminal Justice Academy for 5.75 hours.

For more information: Contact Brianna Smalls at bdsmalls@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-576-7235.

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