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

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: March 25, 2027

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. This training has also been approved for 6 hours of continuing education by the SC Criminal Justice Academy and the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

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

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