



# Emergency Protective Custody: Working as a Multidisciplinary Team

**Who should attend:** All partners included in the legislated South Carolina Child Abuse Response Protocol: DSS, law enforcement, prosecutors, guardians ad litem, Children's Advocacy Center professionals, and child abuse medical providers

**Overview:** This training will focus on emergency protective custody (EPC) as a multidisciplinary team collaborative process. While South Carolina law authorizes law enforcement to be the ultimate decision-maker when taking a child into EPC, working together to identify the existence, or lack thereof, of substantial and imminent danger increases the confidence and quality of the decision-making process. This training will provide an overview of statutory requirements for taking a child into EPC, response time requirements, and other procedural and substantive information. County memorandums of understanding will be shared for adaptation at the county level across the state. Individual county practices that have proved to be particularly effective at producing a collaborative working relationship will be shared.

**Location:** Zoom – Virtual Platform

**Date:** Thursday, October 16, 2025

**Course Times:** 9:30 am – 11:00 am

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

**Continuing Education Credits:** This training is approved for 1.5 hours of continuing education for law enforcement by the SC Criminal Justice Academy and 1.5 general contact hours.

**For more information:** Contact Brianna Smalls at [bdsmalls@email.sc.edu](mailto:bdsmalls@email.sc.edu) or 803-576-7235.

**To register:** Go to the Children's Law Center registration system at [https://sc.edu/clc/public/training\\_details.php?info=Nzk3MjYxODV%2BMTU5MX43MTcwMzk0MzM%3D](https://sc.edu/clc/public/training_details.php?info=Nzk3MjYxODV%2BMTU5MX43MTcwMzk0MzM%3D)

**\*\*If you are a DSS employee, please register in the SCEIS.**