

COURSE NAME.. Child Sexual Abuse: Investigation and Assessment

DURATION.- 4 days

CLASS SIZE.- 24 (12 police and 12 child protection workers/social workers)

CANDIDATES: Experienced police officers or child protection workers who are or are about to be assigned as child abuse investigators.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This 4 day program is designed for child protection and police investigators. The training program provides up-to-date information on current methods of investigating and assessing allegations to child sexual abuse. The program promotes joint child welfare and law enforcement intervention and emphasizes the development of a co-ordinated community response to child sexual abuse. The program is co-facilitated by police and child protection instructors.

STANDARDS: Absence may not exceed half a day.
There is pre-course and post-course testing.

TOPICS:

- the incidence and dynamics of child sexual abuse;
- joint child protection/police investigations;
- investigative interviews with children;
- verification and assessment of allegations;
- investigative interviews of non-offending parents;
- child welfare and criminal code legal provisions;
- investigative interviews of offenders;
- risk assessment;
- interprofessional communication and co-ordination.

PREREQUISITES: N/A

DRESS: Business attire or uniform.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: pens, pencils.

SPECIAL NOTES: This course is offered in partnership with the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies. Up to 50 percent of the candidates are social workers. Preference will be given to police officers who register with a social worker from their jurisdiction. This course is also offered off-campus. These courses are provided free to police officers. Child protection and other candidates will be assessed a fee set by the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies. Accommodation and meals will be provided to police and child protection candidates for courses held at the Ontario Police College, Ontario Provincial Police Academy and the Ontario Fire College. For the other locations, accommodations, meals and travel expenses are the responsibility of the sponsoring agency.