

COURSE NAME:	Investigation And Assessment Of Abuse Regarding Children With Disabilities
DURATION:	3 days
CLASS SIZE..	24 (12 police and 12 child protection workers/social workers)
CANDIDATES:	Police officers and social workers engaged in investigations involving child abuse.
COURSE DESCRIPTION..	This course provides knowledge and skill training regarding the difficult task of investigating and assessing abuse allegations related to children with a wide range of disabilities which make communication difficult. The course involves direct observation, communication and interaction with children with various disabilities.
STANDARDS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • full attendance is mandatory; • group assignments with peer and facilitator feedback.
TOPICS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nature and incidence of abuse related to children with disabilities; • societal and personal values and attitudes regarding this vulnerable population; • understanding of the life experience of children with a variety of disabilities; • child development as it relates to children with communication disabilities; • communicating with the disabled child; • understanding the use of interpreters and assisted communication devices; • special legal issues/considerations; • community services available to disabled children and their families.
PREREQUISITES:	Must have completed the Child Sexual Abuse: Investigation and Assessment Course or equivalent.
DRESS:	Business attire and casual.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:	pens, pencils.
SPECIAL NOTES:	This course is offered in partnership with the Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse. Preference will be given to police officers who register with a social worker from their jurisdiction.

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