

COURSE NAME:	Investigation And Assessment Of Physical Child Abuse
DURATION;	3 days
CLASS SIZE.	24 (12 police and 12 child protection workers/social workers)
CANDIDATES:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Police officers who investigate child abuse complaints; 2. Child protection workers who investigate abuse allegations; 3. Child protection supervisors; 4. Crown attorneys and Children's Aid Society legal counsel.
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	This training program provides up-to-date information on current methods of investigating and assessing allegations of physical abuse of children. The program emphasizes a multi-disciplinary approach which maximizes the contribution of law enforcement, child welfare and medicine in protecting children from abuse. The program is co-facilitated by child protection and police instructors.
STANDARDS:	<i>full</i> attendance is mandatory.
TOPICS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • legal definitions of child abuse; • differentiating discipline, corporal punishment and physical abuse; • causal factors; • effects of abuse on children; • profiling abusing parents; • assessing abuse allegations in custody situations; • physical reconstruction; • Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy; • investigation procedures and resources; • interviewing the physically abused child.
PREREQUISITES:	Must have have completed the Child Sexual Abuse: Investigation and Assessment Course or equivalent.
DRESS:	Business attire and casual.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:	pens, pencils.
SPECIAL NOTES:	<p>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. These courses are provided free to police officers. Child protection and other candidates will be assessed a fee set by the Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse.</p> <p>Course may be offered at Ontario Police College and other locations around Ontario.</p> <p>Accommodation and meals will be provided to police, child protection and other candidates for courses held at the Ontario Police College. For the other locations, accommodation, meals and travel expenses are the responsibility of the sponsoring agency.</p>