

COURSE NAME: Special Issues in Child Abuse Investigations

COURSE CODE: SICA-

DURATION: 5 days

CLASS SIZE.. 24 (12 police and 12 social workers)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course provides knowledge and skill training regarding the difficult task of assessing allegations of child abuse involving special issues such as children with disabilities, child custody disputes and physical abuse. Substantive and case law is also discussed at an advanced level.

PREREQUISITE: Police officers and social workers engaged in investigation involving child abuse. Candidates must have Child Sexual Abuse - Investigation and Assessment and a minimum of three years police experience.

STANDARDS: Full attendance is mandatory.

TOPICS:

- children with disabilities
- child abuse allegations in custody disputes
- physical abuse
- special legal issues/considerations
- interview problems and solutions
- validating child and adult statements
- false allegations
- case law, substantive and procedural law
- disclosure issues

DRESS:

- Business attire or uniform

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: , • pens, pencils

SPECIAL NOTES: Fifty percent of the candidates on this course are social workers.