



Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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MDT Investigations of Child Physical Abuse & Death

DATE: October 27, 2024

Registration Ends: October 01, 2024

TIME: 8:00 AM—5:00 PM 8 Hours

LOCATION: Dixon Police Department 220 S. Hennepin Ave, Dixon IL.

INSTRUCTOR: Detective Jennifer Hillgoth, Aurora Police Department

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PURPOSE OF COURSE: This 5-hour session is designed to take the medical aspects of child abuse into an educational discussion relatable to investigators (both law enforcement and child protection), attorneys and interviewers so they better understand how this information applies to their cases.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Each topic will be discussed in a way that professionals working child abuse can recognize and distinguish various offenses involving children, appreciate their unique characteristics, dispel common myths and outdated practices, discern how injuries may or may not present, understand the complexities involved and learn how to overcome the challenges these cases present. This session will also provide guidance with responses to these specific calls while acknowledging the unique characteristics and discuss how to work with an MDT for the best outcome. The importance of an adequate investigation will be highlighted on cases where victims are unable to tell their story. The focus will include real case scenarios of incident investigation, suspect interviews, child interviews, non-offending caretaker/witness interviews, crime scene evaluation and creation of timelines. The most common forms of physical abuse will be discussed, which will include bruises, burns, fractures and abusive head trauma.

COURSE GOALS: The goals of this course are as follows:

- Demonstrate how to identify and utilize the evidence to interpret who and what caused a child's injuries or death.
- Exploring the necessary MDT investigative process needed to determine mechanisms behind serious abusive injuries and death investigations.
- Apply medical aspects of child maltreatment to a comprehensive MDT investigation of child abuse or death.



This Course has been approved by ILETSB to meet the following mandates:

**Human Rights 6 Hours
Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect 2 Hours
Lead Homicide Investigator 8 Hours**

Partial funding provided by Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and MTU#1's request for certification of this course has been approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

REGISTRATION:

All registrations are received on the [MTU#1 website](#).

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