



Children's Law Center
Joseph F. Rice School of Law
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Conducting Reenactments in Child Death Investigations

Who should attend: Law enforcement officers, coroners or their designees

Overview: This 1-day, in-person training focuses on conducting reenactments with caregivers in child death investigations and incorporates hands-on practice in a mock crime scene apartment. This training begins with a review of the fundamentals of reenactments. Additional topics will include identifying the placer and finder; adapting reenactment techniques to a variety of scenarios; and identifying documentation techniques and challenges. Participants will be assigned a scenario involving an unexpected child death. Using a demonstration doll, participants will walk through the reenactment process with an actor, or actors, portraying the child's caregiver(s). Simulation training aims to mimic the conditions and content of the tasks that an investigator will confront in real life situations and allows individuals to practice their skills and receive feedback without real-world consequences. Participants will receive a demonstration doll to take back with them to their office to use in future investigations.

Location: Children's Law Center's Training Center, 1114 Pickens St.,
Columbia, SC 29208

Dates:

- December 16, 2025
- February 24, 2026
- June 8, 2026

Course Times: 8:45 am – 4:30 pm

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: This training has been approved by the SC Criminal Justice Academy and the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators for 6.5 hours of continuing education.

For more information: Contact Brianna Smalls at bdsmalls@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-576-7235.

To register: Go to the Children's Law Center registration system at <https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>.