Children's Law Center
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# Conducting Reenactments in Child Death Investigations

**Who should attend:** Law enforcement officers and 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:**

- September 30, 2026
- December 8, 2026

**Course Times**: 8:45 am – 4:30 pm

**Fee:** There is no charge for this training.

**Continuing Education Credits**: Applications to the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy and the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators have been submitted for continuing education approval.

**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.