

Executive Summary

Course Title:

Medical Assessment of Pediatric Injuries: Differentiating Accidental from Non-Accidental Trauma

Course Description:

This training will review the various types of injuries that can result from child abuse. Examples of abusive injuries to the skin, brain, and bones will be provided via a slide presentation. In addition, medical conditions that may mimic abuse will also be presented. Medical terms will be explained and participants will learn some of the mechanisms of non-accidental trauma.

Target Audience:

This course is aimed at child welfare workers both new and experienced. Line staff and supervisory staff will benefit from this discussion. The course is beneficial to individuals from any agency involved in child protection.

Outcome Objectives for Participants:

Participants will be able to identify those types of injuries highly specific for child abuse. Participants working for agencies involved in child protection will be able to respond appropriately to concerns from health care providers about suspicious physical injuries in children.

Ways that Supervisors can support the Transfer of Learning from the classroom to the job...

Before the training

Review the executive summary with staff member
Identify an objective to focus on with the staff member
Alert participant that they will present an overview of training to unit

After the training

Meet with the participant to review the course outline
Identify protocols in the agency that may need to be changed or upgraded based on the training.
Discuss further training that could support this training.

Brief outline of training:

1. General medical approach to the evaluation of injuries in children
2. Review of knowledge base regarding forces required to cause serious injuries
3. Examples of cases and mechanisms of:
 - a. Shaken Baby Syndrome
 - b. Skin injuries: bruises, burns, bites
 - c. Skeletal injuries (fractures)
 - d. Medical conditions which can mimic child abuse