

Executive Summary

Course Title: "Understanding the Medical Evaluation of the Sexually Abused Child"

Course Description:

This workshop will familiarize the participant with the child and adolescent sexual abuse examination. The participant will gain practical knowledge in how to explain the exam to children, adolescents, and their families. Medical forms completed during the exam, and medical findings and interpretations will be described in easy to understand terms. Case histories, exams, and outcomes will be processed with group discussion, role plays and scenarios.

Outline of training:

Target Audience: This presentation would benefit all multi-disciplinary team members working with children, adolescents and their families who have a suspected history of sexual abuse. From law enforcement to social service workers and district attorneys, professionals will gain new knowledge in the area of child and adolescent sexual abuse. It will assist both new and experienced staff to ensure a positive outcome in the event that a medical exam is needed for suspected sexual abuse.

Outcome Objectives for Participants:

1. The participants will be able to explain the sexual abuse exam procedure and answer simple questions about the exam for the children and their families.
2. The participant will be able to describe the paperwork that becomes a part of their case when investigating sexual abuse allegations and identify the correct state form to be used in acute and non-acute sexual abuse cases.
3. Given specific case details participants will be able to triage those cases that need to have an exam for suspected sexual abuse
4. Participants will correlate exam findings with case histories given.

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

Before the training

Supervisors can support their staff by recognizing that child sexual abuse is a difficult subject. Individuals who have their own abuse history can complicate investigations. Staff should understand their own biases and know that they have support from their supervisors and professionals should the need arise.

After the training

Supervisors will encourage an exchange of information among staff on important points learned in class. Scenarios will be used in a team setting to practice referral criteria of

child and adolescent sexual abuse cases deciding who may need an exam. Staff will apply their new knowledge in role play situations that are common in child sexual abuse investigations