

Regional Service Provider Training Opportunities

Topics and durations can be customized based on the specific needs and interests of your county or agency.

Core Trainings

Recommended for all new DHS Case Workers and Law Enforcement Core trainings serve as a baseline for advanced topics

KIDS Center 101

Learn about KIDS Center's history and the services and programs offered. Participants will learn about the case referral criteria and process as well as the MDT/CAC model. This training can be combined with any other Core training.

Initial Responder Interview

This training is designed specifically for first responders who are working with children where there is a concern of possible abuse and children need to be interviewed in the field. Participants will learn the basics of Oregon Interviewing Guidelines and how to conduct a brief forensic interview, which includes: phases of an interview, appropriate use of questions, and when/how to stop a field interview. We will also discuss the importance of documentation and how to work with other professionals who are involved with the case. Trainers will provide demonstrations of various interview techniques.

Karly's Law and Cutaneous Physical Abuse

This training will review the signs and symptoms of child physical abuse and will include the current approach to children with skin injuries (bruises, bites, and burns) as well as a review of Karly's law. This training is for LEA and DHS workers as well as medical providers who are involved in the care of children.

Forensic Interview Trainings

Child Developmental Stages

This training will review the difference between the chronological age and the developmental age. From three years old to late adolescence, the training will review all the factors to consider in a child's development including: physical development, language and cognitive development, social and emotional development, and behaviors relating to sexual development. For each developmental age range, we will provide you with developmentally sensitive methods to guide you through interviewing a child.

Peer Review

During the forensic interviewer peer review, people will have the opportunity to bring recorded interviews and/or to view interviews from KIDS Center. We will critique and openly discuss ideas regarding our interviewing skills. In addition to viewing interviews, we will discuss relevant and current interviewing topics and research. Peer review can be specifically designed to meet the needs of your agency. KIDS Center also holds a monthly interviewer peer review onsite, which is open to LEA and DHS.

Distance peer review is available via Webex. This option is meant to give regional partners from areas where it is difficult to travel from the opportunity to participate.

Medical Trainings

Child Sexual Abuse

This training session covers the basics of child sexual abuse. We will cover definitions, statistics, dynamics of child sexual abuse and the signs and symptoms that may enable recognition or detection of abuse. This talk will briefly discuss mandatory reporting issues and provide advice on appropriate responses to a child's disclosure or caregiver concerns of child sexual abuse or sexual behavior concerns. This training is for LEA and DHS workers as well as medical providers who may encounter child sexual abuse issues in the course of their jobs.

Drug Endangered Children

Information regarding the care of children who are found in methamphetamine labs and in homes where methamphetamine and other drugs are used is constantly evolving. This presentation provides LEA, DHS, and medical providers with an update on the current recommendations regarding detection and evaluation of children endangered by parental drug use or manufacture.

Update in Child Physical Abuse and Neglect

This training will review the signs and symptoms of child physical abuse and will include the current approach to children with skin injuries (bruises, bites, and burns), fractures, abdominal and head injuries. We will review elements of the history and factors that are concerning for non-accidental trauma. Karly's Law will be discussed. This session may contain graphic pictures. The topic of child neglect will also be discussed. This training is for LEA and DHS workers as well as medical providers who are involved in the care of children.

Prepubescent Sexual Abuse Exam: Female and Male

Specific for SANE and medical providers. This training will provide the basics of the sexual abuse examination for prepubertal children. Included in this training is a thorough overview of genital anatomy, possible physical findings in acute penetrative trauma coupled with comparisons of normal anatomy. Also included will be an overview of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) awareness.

Child Sexual Abuse Response: Supporting Children and Caregivers during the Pediatric SANE Work-up Learn the basics about the pediatric SANE work-up to allow more effective advocacy for both the child and caregivers.

Peer Review: Medical

Medical peer review provides an opportunity to present cases, review photographs and documentation and stimulate questions and discussions. The trainers will include some cases from the regional center of both sexual and physical abuse and provide updates and literature articles of interest.

Other Trainings

Professional Resilience: Moving Beyond Vicarious Trauma

This training is an opportunity to learn how to better identify and minimize the effects of being witness to other's trauma and emotional distress. Participants will develop a personal plan to decrease impacts and increase long-term professional and psychological wellness. Contact Andraya Offutt aoffutt@kidscenter.org to receive updates on when and where this training will be held.

Lunch hour and Quarterly Trainings

Additional child abuse trainings are scheduled throughout the year and are shared via email and newsletters.

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