



PLYMOUTH COUNTY
CHILDREN'S
Advocacy Center



Office of Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz

Training Menu

Recognizing, Reporting and Responding to Child Abuse in Plymouth County

This training discusses mandated reporting laws and requirements, the multidisciplinary team approach to child abuse in Plymouth County, how to file a child abuse report to the Department of Children and Families in Massachusetts and common questions and answers, and what Children's Advocacy Centers are. It also includes protocols to follow when responding to a suspicion or a disclosure of child abuse. Definitions/indicators of various types of child abuse will also be discussed along with the role of the District Attorney's Office in child abuse investigations.

45 minutes to 2 hours

Mandated Reporting and the Plymouth County Response

This training provides an in-depth look at mandated reporting laws in Massachusetts. Content includes indicators of neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation as well as answers to commonly asked questions. This training will walk participants through the steps of filing a child abuse report with the Dept. of Children & Families in Massachusetts as well as what happens following the report. Additional information will include how the Plymouth County Children's Advocacy Center works together with the Dept. of Children & Families to meet the needs of the children of Plymouth County.

45 minutes to 2 hours

CSEC: The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

This training reviews the Plymouth County response to child abuse generally, then delves into a more in depth look at the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). CSEC indicators, statistics, case examples, tips for how to respond to a suspicion of CSEC as well as the Plymouth County response to CSEC will be discussed. The role of the multidisciplinary team and their response to CSEC will be discussed, including the role of law enforcement, child protective services, the district attorney's office, medical, schools, and many additional community providers.

45 minutes to 2 hours

Recognizing and Responding to Child Abuse: Working together to end abuse Massachusetts' Children's Alliance Curriculum

This statewide training utilizes a series of modules that can be tailored to meet the needs of your audience.

- Introduction to CACs, prevalence of child abuse and multidisciplinary team
- Definitions of the different types of abuse: neglect, physical abuse and sexual
- CSEC: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
- Offenders
- Fostering communication
- Dynamics of disclosure and evidence based best practice
- Mandated reporting
- What can organizations do to prevent child sexual abuse

4 to 5 hours for the full training

Please let us know if you are looking for a customized training as we are happy to create the perfect training for your audience.

All trainings provided by the Plymouth County Children's Advocacy Center are free of charge.

Schedule a Training Today! Call 508-894-2661 or email: Kristin.Gerritsen@mass.gov