



Noontime Knowledge Speaker Series: **Children with Disabilities**

Overview: The SC Children's Justice Act Task Force is hosting a monthly lunchtime virtual training series focused on topics surrounding children with disabilities. Children and adolescents with disabilities are a highly diverse group with wide-ranging life experiences. There are a number of conditions that impact a child's ability to learn, communicate, or move, including autism, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, speech disorder, ADHD, and orthopedic impairment. The goal of this speaker series is to improve advocacy skills for professionals working with children with disabilities and provide specific information about various disabilities and special needs issues, available state resources, best practices, and federal guidelines.

Who should attend: This training is multidisciplinary and open to any professional who may come in contact with children with disabilities who have also been victims of abuse and neglect. This may include, but is not limited to, law enforcement, DSS staff, DSS attorneys, guardians ad litem, education professionals, mental health professionals, children's advocacy center staff, and prosecutors.

Dates and times: These training sessions will be offered on the third Thursday of each month in 2025 from 12:00-1:15 pm unless otherwise noted.

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: Each training session is approved for 1.25 general contact hours.

Training topics may include disability rights laws, signs and symptoms of common disabilities, screening and assessment tools, collaborating with healthcare providers and specialists, effective communication with children with disabilities, understanding trauma and its effects on children with disabilities, educational rights and the role of the child welfare professional, placement barriers, and the prevalence of abuse and neglect among children with disabilities.

If you have questions about the training: Contact Rebecca Carney at carneyr@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-576-7233.

To learn more about the monthly training topics and to register: Go to the Children's Law Center registration system: <https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>.