



Emergency Protective Custody: DSS and Law Enforcement Protocol

Who should attend: Richland County law enforcement officers and DSS human services staff

Overview: This training was developed in an effort to enhance collaboration between DSS and law enforcement to prevent emergency protective custody when children can safely remain in their homes and/or their communities. Data regarding the extent of emergency placements of youth in Richland County and across the state will be presented as well as information on the potential negative impacts of foster care on youth. An explanation of a trauma-responsive system and its importance will be provided. Finally, the training will focus on the legal restrictions and requirements of taking a child into emergency protective custody in South Carolina and the process as it is outlined in the DSS and Law Enforcement Protocol for Richland County.

Lunch will be provided at no cost, courtesy of Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Dates: December 4, 2025 and February 3, 2026

Course Times: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: S.C. Sheriff's Association: 112 Westpark Blvd, Columbia, SC 29208

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: This training has been approved for 3.25 hours of continuing education by the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

For more information: Contact Hayli Livingston Hoover at bdsmls@email.sc.edu or 803-576-7235.

To register: Go to the Children's Law Center registration system:
<https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>.