

Elder and Child Abuse Investigation Training

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There is nothing new about Elder and Child Abuse. What is new is the shocking rise in their occurrence — which has brought about an increasing need to develop criminal investigators who are specially trained to interview these unique victims.

Interviewing the elderly and the young can be a challenge — especially when the elderly are suffering from cognitive disabilities or young children have not yet mastered the ability to speak well enough to describe their assailant, or even the criminal act. It takes a specially trained forensic interviewer to make sense of what is relayed by the victim.

To address this problem, SCSA has been working with the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to bring specialized training to investigators across the state. So far, we have hosted four training programs for nearly 100 investigators.

We have just begun this important work and we have much more to do — but it is a good start, for a very good cause.