

Abuse and Neglect of Children with Disabilities: A Collaborative Response

The Abuse and Neglect of Children with Disabilities Training Project began in 1997 with federal funding to develop an interdisciplinary curriculum for educators, child protection workers, law enforcement officers, and parents of children with disabilities. From 2000 through 2005 the course was offered as a 2-day training in a number of localities throughout Virginia with the sponsorship of a collaborative group including:

- the Virginia Department of Education, and local school divisions
- the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
- the Virginia Department of Social Services
- VISSTA (Virginia Institute for Social Services Training Activities)
- the Partnership for People with Disabilities.

In 2006 the curriculum was revised as a one-day training, and pilot tested in 2 locations.

The revised course will be offered approximately 10 times in 2006-2007. Each session is hosted by one or more local agencies, with the above sponsors.

Dates for 2006 include:

Lynchburg	10/24/06	hosted by the Child and Family Center
Spotsylvania	10/26/06	hosted by Spotsylvania County Schools
Hopewell	11/10/06	hosted by The James Center and Hopewell DV Task Force
Abingdon	11/27/06	hosted by Bristol/Washington County Child Advocacy Ctr.
Winchester	12/6/06	hosted by Winchester/Frederick Child Advocacy Ctr.

Additional sessions are being planned for 2007 in the following locations:

Newport News ~ March Fairfax ~ March Charlottesville ~ April May TBA

To register for this training, contact poneill@vcu.edu.

Additional training dates and contact information will be posted under **Upcoming Events and Training** when available.

The 2-day curriculum, *Abuse and Neglect of Children with Disabilities: A Collaborative Response*, is available for sale. Click on **Products** for ordering information.