

## A UNIQUE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

for community partners serving children with disabilities

### ***Abuse and Neglect of Children with Disabilities: A Collaborative Response***

- WHO** Target audience includes all community professionals who serve children with disabilities, and parent advocates for children with disabilities.
- WHY** Children with disabilities are at much greater risk for all forms of abuse and neglect. Investigation is more complicated in these cases. Protection for these children depends on the collaboration of well-informed professionals and parent advocates.
- SPONSORS**  
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Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services  
Virginia Department of Education  
Virginia Department of Social Services  
VA Institute for Social Services Training Activities (VISSTA)  
**AND HOSTED BY LOCAL AGENCIES (SEE BELOW)**
- CEUs** Continuing Education Credits and Law Enforcement Partial Inservice Credits available
- COST** All costs of the training are covered by the sponsors. Handouts, lunch, and snacks are provided.

This unique 1-day training focuses on specific risk factors for, and indicators of, abuse and neglect of children with disabilities. The goal of this training is to bring together professionals and parent advocates **at the local level** to foster joint investigation, collaboration and teamwork in protecting these highly vulnerable children. Teams of expert trainers from law enforcement, child protective services, education, and parent advocates model interdisciplinary collaboration and best practice.

#### The training will be offered in the fall of 2006 with these host agencies:

Lynchburg	10/24/06	Betty Blevins	Child and Family Center	434-948-4867
Spotsylvania	10/26/06	Lisa Dolan	Spotsylvania Schools	540-582-2480
Abingdon	11/27/06	Kathi Roark	Bristol/Wash. Cty. CAC	276-645-5867
Winchester	12/6/06	Tricia Stiles	Winchester/Frederick CAC	540-665-5688

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

Hopewell 2/07 ~Newport News 3/07 ~ Fairfax, 3/07 ~ Charlottesville, 4/07 ~ May 07 TBA

For more information contact the local host or  
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