

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

Discipline Code

CMJS

Course Number

2463

Course Title

Child Abuse and Neglect

Catalog Description

This course is an introductory course in child advocacy covering the history, comparative perspectives, legal framework, responses to child maltreatment and child advocacy. The course is designed for law enforcement, prosecution and child advocacy professionals, and for students majoring in criminal justice, education, social work, sociology, early childhood development, psychology, nursing, paralegal, or other areas where knowledge of child maltreatment and advocating for children might be necessary.

Prerequisites

N/A

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

45 contact hours

Load hours

3 load hours

Semesters Offered

On Demand

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

- Describe the history of child protection interventions, both civil and legal.
- Discuss forms of child maltreatment, potential consequences, interventions, and treatments.
- Explain the initial responses to child maltreatment by professionals.

- Describe the investigative process and the roles of interdisciplinary team members.
- Discuss perpetrator issues such as characteristics of perpetrators, interviewing the perpetrator, and legal charges.
- Explain the roles of other professionals including medical, educational, mental health personnel and other mandated reporters.
- Identify needed support systems for the child and the family and access child placement needs.
- Demonstrate skills needed to serve as an effective child advocate throughout the investigative process.
- Explain how issues of race, class, sexual orientation, religion, gender, poverty, and social justice influence investigation of child maltreatment.analysis; and knowledge of major concepts, models and issues in the discipline of geography.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- N/A

Standard Practices

Topics list

- Definition of child abuse
- Maltreatment, endangerment, and neglect
- Civil and legal child protection interventions
- Perpetrator characteristics (including interviewing techniques and legal charges)
- Support systems for children
- Role of multidisciplinary team members
- Factors influencing investigations

Learning activities

- N/A

Assessments

- N/A

Grading guidelines

- N/A

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