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**SUBJECT:** Specialized training for Child Protective Investigators

**Purpose:** This memorandum provides information about a *Child Abuse Injury Reconstruction Techniques* training to occur in Miami, Florida on June 18, 2008.

**Action Required:** Please disseminate this memorandum to all direct care staff involved in child protective investigations, to include their supervisors and managers.

**Background:** As a follow-up to the regional training event to occur in Miami on June 6, 2008, the Office of Family Safety is happy to present a workshop for child protective investigators intended to enhance their skills and the quality of the services they provide to customers. The workshop will be facilitated by Robert Hugh Farley, an international child investigations expert. Mr. Farley will discuss non-accidental injuries to children and emphasizes the specific techniques that can be used by the investigator in the assessment, investigation and reconstruction of cases involving soft tissue injuries such as bruises, lacerations and burns. In addition, the various weapons utilized by the offender in child abuse situations will also be identified and discussed. The curriculum to be used will offer case illustrations that encourage hands on participation.

The training will be a one day event, to occur at the Embassy Suites Miami - International Airport, located at 3974 NW South River Drive. The time of the training will be 9 AM - 4:30 PM. There is no cost to register. However, advance registration is required. Please contact Audrey Ressler, no later than June 6, 2008, at 850-921-9333 or via email at [Audrey\\_Ressler@dcf.state.fl.us](mailto:Audrey_Ressler@dcf.state.fl.us) to provide the names of those individuals who plan to attend.

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If you require accommodations to participate in this training, please contact Audrey Ressler at 850-921-9333 within 7 days of the event.

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