



Opening Session Speaker: Ms. Brenda J. Myers

Child Abuse and Neglect Mandated Reporters: Counselors and Therapists Role

This training will inform counselors and therapists of the laws pertaining to child abuse and neglect, Daniels Law. Ms. Myers will provide an overview of laws affecting children that counselors and therapists are likely to encounter as well as identifying the mandated reporters in South Carolina. .

Program Learning Objective: The participants will identify mandated reports in South Carolina

Ms. Brenda J. Myers is the former State Coordinator of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program at the South Carolina Department of Education. Her primary responsibility was overseeing compliance of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act; Subtitle B of title VII, in South Carolina's public school districts, ensuring that homeless children and youths were given equal access to quality public education, including preschool education. Ms. Myers provided training and technical assistance to homeless liaisons, school personnel, service providers, faith-based organizations, and other agencies as requested. She was the Youth Court Coordinator for SCDE. She was a Paralegal for Richland County DSS Legal Department. While at DSS, Ms. Myers served as a caseworker in the Child Protective Services Division and in the Medicaid Division. Previously she was the Fifth Circuit Court Liaison at University of SC Children's Law Center. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Carolina.