

GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 20-154

TO: ALL DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

FROM:  JOSEPH P. ESPOSITO  
Chief Deputy District Attorney

SUBJECT: ADVANCED VIP TRAINING: WORKING WITH DCFS IN CHILD ABUSE CASES – DECEMBER 3, 2020

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2020

The Training Division is pleased to announce the next Advanced Victim Impact Program (VIP) training course to be held on **December 3, 2020**. The training will take place at the District Attorney Training Center, located at Hall of Records - 320 W. Temple Street (11<sup>th</sup> Floor), Los Angeles, CA. Deputies may attend in person or via Microsoft Teams as in-class seating is limited in adherence with the physical-distancing guidelines currently in place. Participatory MCLE credit is also available for those attending by way of Microsoft Teams provided their web-cam remains on for the duration of the training, pursuant to the California State Bar.

This training will provide information on how to navigate and work with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) when prosecuting child abuse cases. Speakers include: Xiomara Flores-Holguin, MSW, Children's Services Administrator, DCFS; Douglas Hunter, Principal Deputy County Counsel; and Christine Von Helmolt, Deputy-in-Charge of the ESCARS Unit.

Special Directive (SD) 08-02 (Policy & Procedural Changes Resulting from the Harris Report) requires that all Deputy District Attorneys prosecuting VIP cases complete the first available three-day Comprehensive Basic VIP training course. Upon completion of the three-day Comprehensive Basic VIP training course, deputies are also required to attend an Advanced VIP training course, once every year, while assigned to VIP, pursuant to SD 08-02.

Deputies shall obtain prior approval from their Head Deputy and VIP DIC before registering by email to Gloria Marin at [gmarin@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:gmarin@da.lacounty.gov) no later than **November 25, 2020**. Deputies shall also complete a Request for Approval of Travel/Training form if attending in person. Please indicate in your email whether you prefer to attend this training in-class or via Microsoft Teams. To request parking in Lot 12 (adjacent to the Hall of Justice), the email must specifically request it and include the year, make, model, color and license plate number of their vehicle. Requests for parking must be made by November 25, 2020 and cannot be guaranteed.

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