



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Identifying And Supporting Abused Children In South Africa Training

Health Sciences and Social Services / Promotive Health and Developmental Services

Unit Standard 117504 · NQF Level 4 · 6 Credits · 3 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips professionals with the knowledge and skills to identify signs of child abuse and neglect in the South African context, and to provide appropriate support and referral. Participants will learn about legal obligations, reporting procedures, and trauma-informed approaches to safeguarding children.

Category	Health Sciences and Social Services
Subfield	Promotive Health and Developmental Services
Unit Standard	117504
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 4 · 6 Credits
Duration	3 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply the legal and ethical framework for reporting child abuse in South Africa.
- Identify physical, emotional, and behavioral indicators of child abuse and neglect.
- Evaluate risk factors and protective factors in diverse South African contexts.
- Demonstrate trauma-informed communication and support strategies for abused children.
- Implement appropriate referral pathways to child protection services and support organizations.
- Analyze case studies to assess and respond to suspected child abuse scenarios.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Social workers, educators, healthcare professionals, community workers, and anyone working directly with children in South Africa who needs to recognize and respond to abuse.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Understanding Child Abuse and Legal Frameworks

- Introduction to child abuse: definitions, prevalence, and impact.
- Types of abuse: physical, emotional, sexual, neglect – characteristics and examples.
- South African legal framework: Children's Act, Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Amendment Act.
- Mandatory reporting requirements and procedures.
- Recognising physical and behavioural indicators of abuse.
- Cultural considerations and myths about child abuse in South Africa.
- Overview of the child protection system and multi-disciplinary teams.
- Case studies illustrating different abuse scenarios.

Day 2: Effective Identification and Initial Response

- Observational techniques: behavioural changes, physical signs, and environmental cues.
- Child-friendly interviewing: building rapport, using open-ended questions, avoiding leading questions.
- Handling disclosures: do's and don'ts, ensuring the child's comfort and safety.
- Documentation standards: objective recording, confidentiality, and legal requirements.
- Safety assessment: immediate risk factors and emergency procedures.
- Referral pathways: reporting to social workers, SAPS, and child protection organisations.
- Managing personal stress and vicarious trauma: self-care and support systems.
- Role-play exercises for disclosure scenarios.

Day 3: Support, Intervention, and Prevention Strategies

- Support services: counselling, medical care, foster care, and shelters.
- Multi-disciplinary collaboration: roles of social workers, psychologists, educators, and health professionals.
- Developing safety plans: steps and stakeholder involvement.
- Therapeutic interventions: trauma-informed care and child-centred approaches.
- Prevention strategies: awareness campaigns, life skills programmes, and parental education.
- Case management: monitoring, follow-up, and record-keeping.
- Ethical considerations and professional boundaries.
- Action planning: participants create a personal action plan for their workplace.

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **6 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 4**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 17,900.00	R 17,900.00
1	In-House	R 23,300.00	R 23,300.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 26,800.00	R 26,800.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Harare, Zimbabwe
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 117504) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call +27 12 004 8389 or WhatsApp +27 65 077 6310 and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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