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COURSE BROCHURE

Family Violence and Child Protection Crime Prevention and Investigation

Law, Military Science and Security / Safety in Society

Unit Standard 253976 · NQF Level 5 · 15 Credits · 12 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with a comprehensive understanding of the prevention and investigation of crimes related to family violence and child protection. It provides the necessary knowledge and skills to identify, respond to, and investigate such crimes effectively, ensuring the safety and well-being of victims. The course aims to enhance professional competence in handling sensitive cases within the South African legal and social context.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Safety in Society
Unit Standard	253976
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 15 Credits
Duration	12 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate understanding of the legal framework and definitions related to family violence and child protection crimes in South Africa.
- Apply appropriate procedures for the initial response, evidence collection, and victim support in cases of family violence and child abuse.
- Analyze the dynamics of family violence and child protection cases to identify risk factors and patterns of abuse.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of crime prevention strategies and intervention programs for family violence and child protection.
- Implement investigative techniques specific to family violence and child protection cases, including interviewing vulnerable witnesses.
- Demonstrate the ability to collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to ensure a coordinated response to family violence and child protection incidents.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for law enforcement officers, social workers, legal professionals, and community safety practitioners who are involved in the prevention and investigation of family violence and child protection crimes.
- It is also suitable for individuals seeking to specialize in victim support and crime prevention within these critical areas.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Family Violence and Child Protection

- Overview of family violence and child protection
- Legal framework: Domestic Violence Act, Children's Act, Criminal Procedure Act
- National policy directives and SAPS standing orders
- Roles of SAPS, social workers, NGOs, and community structures
- Impact of trauma on victims
- Introduction to victim-centred approach

Day 2: Types and Dynamics of Family Violence

- Physical, emotional, sexual, and economic abuse
- Cycle of violence theory
- Power and control wheel
- Risk factors: substance abuse, poverty, cultural norms
- Indicators of abuse in victims and perpetrators
- Intimate partner violence: patterns and escalation
- Elder abuse: types and signs
- Child maltreatment: physical, emotional, sexual, neglect

Day 3: Child Protection: Legal Mandates and Reporting

- Children's Act 38 of 2005: key provisions
- Reporting obligations for SAPS and other professionals
- Child protection register and its use
- Emergency removal and placement procedures
- Children's Court processes and orders
- Role of the Department of Social Development
- Best interests of the child principle
- Case examples of reporting scenarios

Day 4: Investigating Family Violence Cases

- Initial response and scene management
- Victim interview techniques: building rapport, minimising re-traumatisation
- Evidence collection: medical reports, photographs, 911 calls
- Use of forensic evidence in family violence
- Protection orders: application, service, and enforcement
- Documentation for docket preparation
- Interviewing witnesses and children
- Collaboration with forensic nurses and social workers

Day 5: Investigating Child Abuse and Neglect

- Forensic interviewing protocols for children
- Signs and symptoms of physical abuse
- Signs and symptoms of sexual abuse
- Medical examination and evidence collection
- Use of anatomically correct dolls and drawings
- Multidisciplinary team approach: Thuthuzela Care Centres
- Interviewing non-offending caregivers

- Case management and referral pathways

Day 6: Victim Support and Trauma-Informed Care

- Understanding trauma and its effects
- Trauma-informed care principles: safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration, empowerment
- Victim empowerment centres and services
- Referral to shelters, counselling, and legal aid
- Safety planning: risk assessment and strategies
- Supporting child victims: special considerations
- Self-care for investigators to prevent vicarious trauma
- Case studies on victim-centred responses

Day 7: Legal Proceedings and Court Preparation

- Docket preparation: checklists and standards
- Court structure: magistrates court, children's court
- Role of the prosecutor, defence, and judge
- Preparing victims for court: familiarisation, support
- Rules of evidence: hearsay, corroboration, expert evidence
- Testifying: giving evidence, handling cross-examination
- Use of intermediaries for child witnesses
- Court orders and sentencing options

Day 8: Perpetrator Profiling and Intervention

- Characteristics of perpetrators: power, control, entitlement
- Typologies: situational, antisocial, borderline
- Risk assessment tools: SARA, ODARA
- Intervention programmes: batterer intervention, anger management
- Monitoring and compliance with court orders
- High-risk cases: stalking, threats to kill
- Collaboration with parole and probation officers
- Case studies on perpetrator behaviour

Day 9: Child Protection: Prevention and Community Engagement

- Primary prevention: education and awareness
- School-based programmes: life skills, safety education
- Community policing forums and partnerships
- Media campaigns and social media use
- Home visitation programmes
- Parenting support and early intervention
- Measuring prevention outcomes
- Challenges and sustainability of prevention

Day 10: Technology and Family Violence

- Technology-facilitated abuse: monitoring, harassment, impersonation
- Cyberstalking laws and investigation
- Online child exploitation: grooming, child pornography
- Digital evidence: computers, smartphones, GPS
- Preservation and seizure of electronic devices

- Legal framework: ECT Act, Cybercrimes Act
- Victim safety online: privacy settings, restraining orders
- Case examples of technology abuse

Day 11: Multidisciplinary Collaboration and Case Management

- Multidisciplinary teams: roles and responsibilities
- Information sharing protocols and confidentiality
- Case conferences: structure and documentation
- High-risk case management and review
- Integrated safety planning
- Data collection and case tracking
- Challenges in collaboration: turf issues, resource constraints
- Best practice models: family justice centres

Day 12: Capstone Case Study and Course Integration

- Capstone case study: family violence with child protection issues
- Group work: investigation plan, evidence collection, victim support
- Presentation of findings and recommendations
- Peer feedback and debrief
- Review of key course concepts
- Assessment preparation: written and practical
- Course evaluation and feedback
- Certification and next steps

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 **15 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 43,000.00	R 43,000.00
1	In-House	R 56,000.00	R 56,000.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 64,600.00	R 64,600.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
11 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
12 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
13 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
14 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	01 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
18 Aug 2026	02 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Shenzhen, China

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 253976) 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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