

# Best Practices for Investigating, Locating, and Recovering Abducted Children

Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (PST)  
Sacramento

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## Course Overview:

The **California Child Abduction Training Project** has created a new training that will include best practices when locating and recovering abducted children pursuant to the Family Code, Criminal Code, and the Hague Convention. Topics covered include the most efficient investigative tools and techniques, mandates of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) with sample legal documents, using the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction with sample legal documents, and ethics and liability issues when working in this field.

### At the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- Apply the most effective tools and techniques required to locate and recover abducted children.
- Analyze ethics and liability conflicts during the investigation and perform in accordance with the law.
- Assess sample legal documents presented in this training to inform future investigations in the field.

## MCLE Credit:

*This course meets 5 hour(s) of MCLE credit as required by the California State Bar (Provider #15175) and is available for a fee of \$45.*

**Please note that this training is FREE OF CHARGE. However, participants are responsible for travel, lodging, and all meal expenses. Lunch is NOT provided.**

**Individuals with disabilities who require accommodations to participate in this training should contact Rebecca Robinson at [Rebecca.robinson@cirinc.org](mailto:Rebecca.robinson@cirinc.org). Requests must be received by September 16, 2023. For more information, questions, or grievances please contact Rebecca Robinson.**

*The mission of the California Child Abduction Task Force is to reduce the risk and incidence of child abduction and to increase the effectiveness of multi-disciplinary response by enhancing skills, knowledge and awareness of child abduction.*

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***This training is intended for District Attorneys, District Attorney Investigators, and Law Enforcement who work with District Attorneys and Child Abduction Units***

## Presenters:

### Deanne Castorena:

Deanne Castorena, J.D., is the Deputy District Attorney at the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Ms. Castorena is a nationally recognized expert in gang prosecutions and a state-wide recognized expert in child abduction and recovery best practices. She has been a member of the California Child Abduction Task Force for over 20 years and has provided training on child abduction subjects across the state of California.

### Cristina Magana:

After eleven years at the Turlock Police Department, Cristina transitioned to the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office in 2014 and has been a part of the Child Abduction Unit for almost a decade. She has worked hundreds of child abduction cases including custody disputes, parental abductions, Hague cases, UCCJEA cases, and traveled to several locations to recover and/or pick up children to return to the person with a right to custody.