

# **Are We Really Better Together? Sustaining Successful Multi-Disciplinary Investigations of Child Sexual Abuse. Presented by Stacie Leblanc, JD, MEd**

## **Learning objectives**

1. Describe the need for and the typical CAC response in supporting child abuse victims and their families.
2. Explain at least two benefits of trauma informed MDT response in supporting child abuse victims and their families.
3. Be able to articulate the need for training to assure a trauma informed response.

## **Citations**

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