

# ***Less is More:*** **Minimal Facts for Discoverers**

## **Training Overview**

*Child maltreatment and sexual abuse is disturbing, complex and extremely difficult to investigate. How professionals react and respond to a suspected child abuse allegation will have a direct impact on the child's recovery from the traumatic act and on the integrity of the subsequent investigation. This training is designed to give school and childcare personnel, along with medical, mental health and other therapeutic providers the tools needed to optimally respond when a child discloses or indicates that he or she may be a victim of abuse or maltreatment. The training is approximately 1 hour long and includes handouts that can be used by the professional in his or her respective agency/setting.*

### **Outline:**

- Definition of "Discoverer".
- What happens in CT when a child abuse report is made?
- Child maltreatment and abuse information.
- DCF definitions and reporting requirements.
- Obtaining information about the suspected abuse without interviewing the alleged victim.
- Responding to and supporting the child.