

Keeping Current

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Upcoming Events

CCAN Case Rounds, Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 1:00pm-2:00pm at DC Superior Court Family Court Conference Room (4224).

This month's case rounds will focus on thinking through how the Ta.L. decision will impact your cases. If you have had a Ta.L. evidentiary hearing, are preparing for one, or are anticipating a recommendation for changing a goal from reunification to adoption in a case, please come to share experiences and ideas with your colleagues and CLC's Appellate Project. As always, feel free to come with other case issues that you'd like to discuss! **To RSVP, please email trainings@childrenslawcenter.org by Monday, March 13. However, if you do not RSVP you are still welcome to attend!**

Safe Families Q&A with Jessica Smith from DC127, Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 12:00pm-1:30pm at Children's Law Center (616 H Street, NW, Suite 300).

DC127 is an initiative of Washington, DC churches focused on working together to ensure the success of every child in foster care and those at risk of entering the child welfare system. As an initiative, DC127 believes they have a responsibility and call to mobilize communities and congregations to care for some of the most vulnerable children in the city. DC 127 works to both recruit and support foster and adoptive homes, and prevent children from entering the child welfare system by supporting families in crisis through a partnership with the Safe Families for Children movement. DC127 follows a nationwide movement of similar groups focused on uniting churches around their foster care systems and families in need of support. If you have questions about Safe Families or hope to use this resource for your clients, please come to this Q&A with Jessica Smith, the Safe Families for Children Manager. **To RSVP, please email trainings@childrenslawcenter.org by Tuesday, April 4th. However, if you do not RSVP you are still welcome to attend.**

Don't forget about Children's Law Center's Helpline!

Our **Helpline** provides CCAN attorneys with legal information and advice.

- Staffed by Children's Law Center attorneys
- Confidential
- Legal information and assistance on general and case-specific topics, such as help identifying resources and services, sample pleadings, and other materials
- All Helpline calls are screened to identify potential conflicts of interest

Call (202) 467-4900 (Option 3) — Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Reports and Publications

Practice Kit 2, Permanency and Placement

"Revised March 2017. This practice kit developed for CCAN attorneys includes practice guides on various permanency options (adoption, guardianship, custody), relevant sections from Title 4 and Title 16 of the DC Code related to adoption, guardianship, placement, and third-party custody, the legislative text of the Adoption Reform Amendment Act of 2010 (with related CLC Practice Memorandum), relevant DC Superior Court Rules, the Adoption and Safe Families Act, portions of the DC Code of Municipal Regulations that relate to placement, foster homes, guardianship subsidy, and the licensing of group homes and ILPs, the Code of Federal Regulations

related to foster care and adoption assistance, ICPC materials, copies of CFSA temporary licensing packets (for MD and DC), updated CFSA Board Rates, and a series of relevant DC Court of Appeals cases that relate to permanency issues. [Full Publication](#)

Practice Kit 3, Common Objections and Hearsay

“Revised March 2017. This practice kit developed for CCAN attorneys includes helpful trial materials related to common objections and hearsay, including a list of common objections, a chart with commonly used objections and relevant statutory and case support, a chart with a summary of hearsay-related issues and relevant statutory and case support, the Federal Rules of Evidence and copies of a number of applicable DC cases.”

[Full Publication](#)

Student Transportation and Educational Access (Urban Institute, February 2017)

“Urban education systems around the country have implemented school choice policies aimed at expanding low-income students’ access to high-quality schools. However, true access to choice relies on dependable school- or parent-provided transportation. In this report, we review the available research on student transportation and profile transportation options in five choice-rich cities: Denver, Detroit, New Orleans, New York City, and Washington, DC.” [Full Publication](#)

Youth Bullying Prevention in the District of Columbia School Year 2015-2016 Report (Child Trends, January 2017)

“The District of Columbia Office of Human Rights (OHR), in partnership with Child Trends, issued the Citywide Youth Bullying Prevention Program’s second report on the state of bullying in District public and public charter schools during the 2015-2016 school year. Since 2013, the OHR program has worked with over 60 local education agencies (LEA) to develop policies, resources, and training mechanisms that encourage and equip schools in preventing and effectively addressing incidents of bullying.” [Full Publication](#)

Realizing Youth Justice: Guiding Principles for Advocates in the Trump Era (Center for Law and Social Policy, February 2017)

“This report outlines four key principles that advocates and policymakers should consider when advancing justice reform. Collectively they point towards using systemic investments in health, education and workforce as an anti-incarceration strategy.” [Full Publication](#)

Improving the Outcomes of Youth with Medical Limitations through Comprehensive Training and Employment Services: Evidence from the National Job Corps Study (Mathematica Policy Research, February 2017)

“Analysis of National Job Corps Study data shows larger earning impacts for youth with medical limitations compared to others, and a reduced reliance on disability benefits. The Job Corps program warrants greater attention as an option for improving the adult outcomes of youth with disabilities.” [Full Publication](#)

Supporting Youth in Foster Care: Research-Based Policy Recommendations for Executive and Legislative Officials in 2017 (Policy Brief) (Child Trends, February 2017)

“Over the last decade, Title IV-E use has declined in states, from \$7.2 billion. State leaders note challenges in accessing Title IV-E funds, in part due to strict eligibility requirements including that children must be in out-of-home placements, meaning those funds cannot be used for services that prevent entry into foster care...In 2014, only half of the children in out-of-home care were covered under Title IV-E.” [Policy Brief](#)

Stable and Predictable Scheduling as Antidote to Income Volatility (The Aspen Institute, February 2017)

“EPIC has identified unpredictable and unstable worker schedules as a major driver of income volatility and believes there is a growing consensus that reforms are needed. This brief synthesizes the current research on scheduling instability, chronicles the most promising responses by the institutions best positioned to act – employers, government, and technology companies – and recommends principles for further reform.” [Full Publication](#)

News

Local

[What Relisha Rudd's disappearance tells us about DC's safety nets](#) (The Kojo Nnamdi Show, 2/28/17)

[Homeless worry about the loss of a gathering space as MLK Library closes](#) (WAMU, 2/28/17)

[DCPS Chancellor Antwan Wilson, a month into the job](#) (The Kojo Nnamdi Show, 2/27/17)

[An interview with Peter Newsham, DC's top cop](#) (Washington City Paper, 2/27/17)

[Tax dollars keep flowing to landlord DC is suing over housing conditions](#) (The Washington Post, 2/26/17)

[Report: Public schools in the District remain highly segregated](#) (The Washington Post, 2/26/17)

[DC officials want to add algebra classes, lacrosse, and archery in middle school](#) (The Washington Post, 2/24/17)

[Will Trump expand DC's school voucher program? Yes, says the organization that runs it.](#) (The Washington Post, 2/24/17)

[Eviction companies pay the homeless illegally low wages to put people on the streets](#) (Washington City Paper, 2/23/17)

[Two DC Council members propose overhaul for paid-leave law](#) (The Washington Post, 2/21/17)

[Remodeled River Terrace school aims to better serve special-education students](#) (The Washington Post, 2/19/17)

[A DC budget for uncertain times](#) (The Washington Post, 2/17/17)

[The glue helping at-risk students stick with school](#) (The Atlantic, 2/14/17)

[DC economy among nation's most reliant on immigration](#) (The Washington Times, 2/14/17)

[Fix the leaky roof: Putting a hold on DC's tax triggers](#) (The Huffington Post, 2/14/17)

National

[Kids in need of defense: How to help children facing deportation](#) (The American Bar Associate, 2/27/17)

[Law professor: Expect big rollback of civil rights enforcement in education under Trump and DeVos](#) (The Washington Post, 2/27/17)

[What it's like to have your parents deported](#) (The New York Times, 2/27/17)

[The foster father who cares when terminally ill kids have no one](#) (PBS, 2/24/17)

[The coming battle over legal immigration](#) (The Atlantic, 2/23/17)

[Confessions of a caseworker: We remove kids to protect ourselves](#) (Youth Today, 2/22/17)

[When food is scarce, teens in poor families go hungry before young children](#) (Johns Hopkins, 2/13/17)

Trainings

Trainings are scheduled to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month if possible. Agendas to be announced!

- 🚩 April 19, 2017 – Full-Day GAL Training – DC Superior Court Rm 4224, 9:30am-4:30pm
- 🚩 June 21, 2017 – Half-Day Advanced GAL Training – DC Superior Court Rm 4224, 9:30am-2pm
- 🚩 September 20, 2017 – Half-Day Special Education Training – DC Superior Court Rm 4224, 9:30am-2pm

Case Rounds

Case Rounds scheduled to be held bi-monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. All Case Rounds are held from 1pm-2pm at D.C. Superior Court in Room 4224.

- 🚩 May 9, 2017
- 🚩 July 11, 2017
- 🚩 September 12, 2017

Lunch and Law Teleconferences

All Lunch and Law Teleconferences are held from 12pm-1pm. Check Keeping Current and <http://www.childrenslawcenter.org/events> for call-in info.

- 🚩 May 17, 2017: Subject TBA
- 🚩 July 19, 2017: Subject TBA
- 🚩 August 16, 2017: Subject TBA

More detailed information on sessions to follow. Please check your monthly Keeping Current for updates. Please contact Kristen Pisani-Jacques, Deputy Director of the Guardian ad Litem project, with comments or suggestions at kpisani@childrenslawcenter.org or (202) 750-7527.

About This Publication

Keeping Current is a compilation of relevant news and information, including trainings and events. The materials referenced in Keeping Current are intended to be additional resources for consideration by members of the CCAN community, and Children's Law Center cannot verify the quality of all the materials or events referenced herein. CCAN attorneys should conduct their own independent research when reviewing these materials, and should review the weekly CCAN e-mail for current information.

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LFVK7N3>.