



ATTORNEY TRAINING

OFFERED BY CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER &
OPEN TO ALL CCAN PANEL ATTORNEYS

Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM
DC Superior Court, 500 Indiana Avenue NW—Room 3300

TRAINING AGENDA

10:00 AM-11:00 AM TRAUMA-INFORMED LEGAL ADVOCACY

Join CLC Supervising Attorney with the GAL Project, Rhea Yo, as she discusses best practice strategies to provide trauma-informed legal advocacy through each stage of a neglect case. This session will help lawyers understand how to better work with traumatized children who are involved in the child welfare system and how appropriate interventions can help promote a successful transition to permanency.

11:00 AM-12:00 PM COMMON ETHICAL ISSUES IN ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES

Join CLC's GAL Project Director Sean Staples and Senior Supervising Attorney, Michael Fitzpatrick, who will explore and discuss practical ethical issues that arise in abuse and neglect cases that confront both parent's attorneys and GALs. The discussion will include issues such as representing clients with diminished capacity, ethical issues surrounding attorney client privilege and practice standards, and the impact of ineffective assistance of counsel jurisprudence on family court cases.

12:00 PM-1:00 PM BROWN BAG LUNCH: RIGHTS AND RESOURCES FOR TEEN PARENTS

Foster youth are nearly twice as likely as non-foster teens to face early pregnancy. This brown bag will focus on the legal rights and social service resources available to teen parents in the District of Columbia, with special attention given to teen parents who are CFSA-involved. In particular, CLC Equal Justice Works Fellow Allison Green will address custody rights, paternity establishment, child support, housing options and school engagement. This brown bag should be useful for GALs as well as parents attorneys who represent teen clients.

1:00 PM-2:00 PM BACK TO SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY

Join Elizabeth Tossell, CLC Special Education Attorney with the GAL project, and Kathy Zeisel, supervising attorney with the Heath Access Project, who will facilitate a back to school session for GAL and parent's attorneys. The session will cover strategies for parent attorneys and GALs to protect their clients right's with regards to education stability, discipline issues, and special education advocacy. Presenters will also cover recent educational policy changes and the CLC Education Toolkit released in August of 2011.

Interested attorneys may RSVP to Jennifer Morris, CLC Supervising Attorney,
at jmorris@childrenslawcenter.org or (202) 467-4900 x 587

