

Keeping Current

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Upcoming Events

Quarterly Litigation Training, Wednesday, November 15th from 12:00pm-1:30pm at DC Superior Court, Family Court Conference Room (4224). Details to come!

Half-Day Ethics Training, Wednesday, December 13th from 9:30am-2:00pm at DC Superior Court Conference Room (4440). Details to come!

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

Fact Sheet: Required Legal Findings and Standards of Proof (Children's Law Center, September 2017)

"Attorneys in DC child welfare proceedings may litigate a variety of issues throughout their practice. This fact sheet summarizes the key legal findings and standards of proof that must be met at each stage of a case."

[Publication](#)

Practice Kit 4: CFSA Policies and LaShawn A. (Children's Law Center, Revised August 2017)

"This practice kit provides a summary of the LaShawn A. federal class action lawsuit filed in 1989 on behalf of maltreated children in the District's child welfare system. The kit includes court orders and plans for the last several years of the suit, as well as selected court monitor's reports and court decisions. CFSA information and additional resources are also part of the guide." [Publication](#)

Practice Kit 6: Education Toolkit (Children's Law Center, Revised September 2017)

"This practice kit contains school contact information, calendars, enrollment and stability information for DC and Prince George's County schools. There are also chapters on regulations and policies regarding school discipline, attendance and truancy, and special education provisions. There is also an overview of early intervention and preschool programs." [Publication](#)

Practice Kit 12: DC Court of Appeals Case Law Index (Children's Law Center, Revised September 2017)

"The purpose of this practice kit is to equip attorneys with a basic foundation of case law regarding several regularly recurring legal issues and doctrines at the appellate level in abuse and neglect, guardianship, custody, and adoption matters. Opinions from the D.C. Court of Appeals are organized by specific topic, and within each subject area, opinions are listed chronologically." [Publication](#)

Pathways after High School: Evaluation of the Urban Alliance High School Internship Program (Urban Institute, August 2017)

“Urban Alliance, headquartered in Washington, DC, helps students at risk of becoming disconnected from work or school transition to higher education or employment after high school. Through its High School Internship Program, it offers participating high school seniors training, an internship, and mentoring to help them succeed. The Urban Institute recently completed an evaluation of the program in Washington, DC, and Baltimore. Using an experimental design, the study revealed several key findings approximately two years after high school.”

[Publication](#)

Transition-Age Youth in Foster Care Facts in District of Columbia (Child Trends, August 2017)

“This document presents facts about transition-age youth in foster care in FFY 2015. It is part of an array of child welfare factsheets, available on the Child Trends website, including adoption, child maltreatment, foster care, and kinship caregiving.” [Publication](#)

Triple Whammy: A Sales Tax for Metro, Like Fare Increases and Service Cuts, Would Fall Hardest on Struggling Families (DC Fiscal Policy Institute, August 2017)

“A strong Metro system is important to all of us in the Washington region, and there is wide agreement that Metro needs additional resources to rebuild its health. But a regional sales tax—a widely discussed option—would be an unfair way to pay for it. A sales tax would ask struggling families in the Washington region to bear the largest responsibility for improving our transportation system, while leaving businesses and high-income households largely off the hook. It should be rejected as a Metro funding option.” [Publication](#)

Analysis of Data on Youth with Child Welfare Involvement at Risk of Homelessness (Mathematica Policy Research, August 2017)

“This brief discusses the data strategy associated with the ‘The Framework to End Youth Homelessness: A Resource Text for Dialogue and Action,’ (USICH, 2013) and how the strategy was implemented by YARH Phase I grantees. The information in this brief comes from grantee applications for both Phase I and Phase II and papers and presentations by grantees.” [Publication](#)

News

Local

[DC Council committee abruptly cancels vote on homeless shelter reforms](#) (Washington City Paper, 9/21/17)

[DC moves toward a safer strategy for youth rehabilitation](#) (The Washington Post, 9/20/17)

[Bowser unveils new health care plan for DC](#) (The Washington Times, 9/19/17)

[Advocacy group CASA plans workshops to help DACA recipients renew their status](#) (WAMU, 9/19/17)

[When should criminal records be sealed?](#) (The Kojo Nnamdi Show, 9/18/17)

[Fearing revolt from businesses, DC to shift focus away from worker protections](#) (The Washington Post, 9/17/17)

[Census: In DC, black median income is now less than a third of white median income](#) (Washington City Paper, 9/15/17)

[DC has been failing to deliver for black mothers for a long time](#) (The Washington Post, 9/15/17)

[DC’s newest US attorney expected to take office next week](#) (The Washington Post, 9/15/17)

[What’s the value of a high school diploma in Washington’s local economy?](#) (The Kojo Nnamdi Show, 9/14/17)

[Children’s Law Center and IMPACT DC partner to improve asthma outcomes in Southeast DC](#) (Children’s National Health System, 9/12/17)

[No longer a rookie to extended class time, H.D. Cooke takes on another extended school year](#) (Greater Greater Washington, 9/12/17)

[DC funds legal assistance for immigrants as DACA recipients worry about the future](#) (NBC4, 9/12/17)

[My vision for DC Public Schools](#) (The Washington Post, 9/8/17)

[DC offers amnesty to parents who are behind in child support](#) (The Washington Post, 9/7/17)

[When one day out of school means years of consequences](#) (The Huffington Post, 9/6/17)

[DC task force provides shelter, counseling for teen runaways](#) (NBC4, 9/6/17)

[DC police seeking volunteers to get quick help to domestic abuse victims](#) (The Washington Post, 9/4/17)

National

[New kinship care guidelines from American Academy of Pediatrics](#) (Children's Bureau Express, 9/17)

[Study examines educational outcomes of youth in kinship and foster care](#) (Children's Bureau Express, 9/17)

[New research on the characteristics, needs of kinship adoptive families](#) (Children's Bureau Express, 9/17)

[Deal struck to extend financing for children's health program](#) (The New York Times, 9/12/17)

[What difference does a healthy school lunch make?](#) (The Atlantic, 9/12/17)

[This budget shift would make a bad housing situation worse](#) (The Washington Post, 9/8/17)

[School lunch without shame](#) (The New York Times, 9/8/17)

[Trump administration cuts funding for teen pregnancy prevention programs. Here are the serious consequences.](#)
(The Washington Post, 9/7/17)

CLC Trainings Schedule 2017-2018

Half and Full-Day Trainings – more detailed agendas to follow!

- Half-Day Ethics Training: December 13, 2017, 9:30am-2:00pm
- Half-Day Special Education Training: February 21, 2018, 9:30am-2:00pm
- Full-Day New GAL Training: April 18, 2018, 9:30am-4:30pm
- Half-Day Advanced GAL Training: June 20, 2018, 9:30am-2:00pm
- Trial Simulation: August 15, 2018, 9:30am-4:30pm
- Half-Day Special Education Training: September 19, 2018

Lunch and Learn Teleconferences

All Lunch and Learn Teleconferences are held from 12:00pm-1:00pm. Check Keeping Current and <http://www.childrenslawcenter.org/events> for call-in and topic information.

- January 9, 2017
- April 10, 2018
- May 8, 2018
- July 10, 2018

Quarterly Litigation Trainings

All litigation trainings are held from 12:00pm-1:30pm on the third Wednesday of the month. Topics to follow!

- November 15, 2017
- January 17, 2018
- March 21, 2018
- May 16, 2018