

Keeping Current

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Upcoming Events

Half-Day Education Training: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 from 9:30am-2:00pm at D.C. Superior Court, Conference Room 4440

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Effective Secondary Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities

This training will cover the legal framework for secondary transition planning for students with disabilities under the IDEA as well as discuss effective advocacy strategies in developing transition plans. It will also discuss what evaluations to request in developing a transition plan and services for students with disabilities.

Presenter: Maria Blaeuer, Director of Programs and Outreach, Advocates for Justice and Education

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM: Secondary Transition Services for DCPS and Charter School Students

This session will cover the different secondary transition services offered to DCPS and Charter School students.

Presenters: Rebecca L. Foster, DC Special Education Cooperative and Mecca Keller, Specialist, Secondary Transition, DCPS

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM: Uniform Order on Appointment of Educational Decision-Maker/Surrogate Parent

This session will review changes to the uniform order regarding the appointment of new educational decision-maker or surrogate parent in abuse and neglect cases.

Presenters: Megan Dho, Supervisor of Education and Child Care, CFSA, and Rebeca Aulie, Child Find Field Coordinator, Early Stages

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM: Case Rounds Brown Bag

Case Rounds will offer attorneys an opportunity to discuss the issues explored in the morning sessions, but will also be open to any other issues participants want to raise.

Presenter: Bridget Koza, Senior Education Attorney, Children's Law Center

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Developmental Disabilities Administration Overview

This session will provide an overview of the Developmental Disabilities Administration including eligibility criteria for DDA services and the application process. It will also discuss how youth in foster care are linked to DDA services.

Presenters: Michelle Hawkins, Community Liaison Specialist, Intake and Outreach, DDS, and Christopher Nace, Supervisor, Intake and Outreach, DDS

To RSVP, please email trainings@childrenslawcenter.org by Monday, February 19th. However, if you do not RSVP you are still welcome to attend!

Blogs and Podcasts

[Improving foster care for young people of color](#) (Blog-The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 1/19/18)

[Reduced teen pregnancy and violence: Is lower lead exposure part of the explanation?](#) (Blog-Child Trends, 1/17/18)

[Work requirements don't work](#) (Blog-Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1/10/18)

[Popular health coverage option for DC children in jeopardy](#) (Blog-DC Fiscal Policy Institute, 1/4/18)

[Year in review: How the federal safety net changed in 2017](#) (Blog-Urban Wire, 12/21/17)

[Brain frames: Short tools for positive interactions with youth in foster care](#) (Blog-The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 12/19/17)

[Child Welfare then and now](#) (Podcast-Children's Bureau, 12/15/17)

[Kids will pay the price of USDA's push for "flexibility" in food assistance programs](#) (Blog-Voices for Kids, 12/7/17)

[Reflections on a year at Ron Brown High](#) (Podcast-Code Switch, 11/8/17)

[Family Group Decision-Making: Implementing the Family Group Conference](#) (Podcast-Children's Bureau, 10/13/17)

[Confronting our history](#) (Podcast-Aspen Insight, 9/21/17)

[Less incarceration, less crime](#) (Podcast-After the Fact, 3/21/17)

News

Local

[Homeless families get move-out date as controversial shelter nears close](#) (WTOP, 2/22/18)

[DC General shelter for homeless families to close by year's end, Bowser says](#) (The Washington Post, 1/21/18)

[Firing principals and flunking students won't fix DC's graduation problems](#) (The Washington Post, 1/19/18)

[Identifying and training kids at risk of human trafficking in DC](#) (WTOP, 1/19/18)

[City charter board votes to shut down DC's only all-girls public school](#) (The Washington Post, 1/12/18)

[DC moves to keep access up, costs down for women's health services](#) (WAMU, 1/10/18)

[With 21 months notice, local Salvadorans prepare for loss of temporary protected status](#) (The Kojo Nnamdi Show, 1/10/18)

[What the end of protected status for Salvadorans means for DC](#) (WAMU, 1/8/18)

[Maryland needs to bring its child custody policies into the 21st century](#) (The Washington Post, 1/5/18)

National

[What do asthma, heart disease and cancer have in common? Maybe childhood trauma](#) (NPR, 1/23/18)

[A lot of learning happens when teachers leave the classroom and visit homes](#) (The Washington Post, 1/22/18)

[Here are eight 'Schools of Opportunity' that do extraordinary things for students](#) (The Washington Post, 1/22/18)

[The sexual abuse to prison pipeline](#) (Parent Map, 1/19/18)

[After Larry Nassar, how to talk to kids about sexual abuse](#) (1/18/18)

[When is it your responsibility to step in against suspected abuse?](#) (CBS New York, 1/17/18)

[Analysis: 11 states struggle to meeting federal education requirements for foster youth](#) (The Chronicle of Social Change, 1/17/18)

[The painful problem of black girls and suicide](#) (The Final Call, 1/16/18)

[Downsizing DC law firms upsizing again](#) (WTOP, 1/16/18)

[Making the case that discrimination is bad for your health](#) (NPR, 1/14/18)

[We have set up a system to sex traffic American children](#) (Newsweek, 1/12/18)

[What Serena Williams's scary childbirth story says about medical treatment of black women](#) (Vox, 1/11/18)

[Antacids during pregnancy tied to asthma in children](#) (The New York Times, 1/11/18)

[Too many black women like Erica Garner are dying in America's maternal mortality crisis](#) (Vox, 1/10/18)

[For some with intellectual disabilities, ending abuse starts with sex ed](#) (NPR, 1/9/18)

[Foster care and opioids](#) (The New York Times, 1/7/18)

[Parents with disabilities face uphill battle to keep their children](#) (Pacific Standard, 1/3/18)

[Building bridges between birth parents, foster parents](#) (The Chronicle of Social Change, 1/3/18)

CLC Trainings Schedule 2017-2018

Half and Full-Day Trainings

- Full-Day New GAL Training: April 18, 2017, 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 Webinars

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

- April 10, 2018, Topic TBD
- May 8, 2018, Topic TBD
- July 10, 2018, Topic TBD

Quarterly Litigation Trainings

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

- March 21, 2018—Topic TBD
- May 16, 2018—Topic TBD

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*

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