

Keeping Current

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Upcoming Events

Domestic Violence Training: Thursday, March 22, 2018, from 3pm to 4:30pm, at Children's Law Center (501 3rd Street NW, 8th Floor, Washington DC 20001)

Staff from the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence will lay the foundation for understanding domestic violence by defining domestic violence, discussing the dynamics, explaining the impact of domestic violence on families, and discussing how to support survivors (and ourselves). The training will cover:

- 1) What is Domestic Violence?
 - a. Definition of domestic violence (social vs. legal)
 - b. Statistics
 - c. Myths/common misconceptions
 - d. Dynamics of domestic violence (spiral of violence)
- 2) Impact of Domestic Violence on Families
 - a. What domestic violence looks like in families (power and control wheel)
 - b. How children are exposed/impacted
 - c. How offending vs. non-offending parent may present
- 3) Supporting Survivors (And Yourself!)
 - a. Assessing for/talking about domestic violence with clients
 - b. Understanding and respecting survivor's decisions
 - c. Referring appropriately
 - d. Self-care in difficult cases

To RSVP, please email trainings@childrenslawcenter.org by Wednesday, March 21, 2018. However, if you do not RSVP you are still welcome to attend!

Quarterly Litigation Training: Working with Experts – From Identification to Preparation to Qualification, Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 12:00pm-1:30pm at DC Superior Court, Family Court Conference Room (4224).

Join Children's Law Center attorneys Kristen Pisani-Jacques and Jess Sucherman for an interactive training on how to effectively select, prepare, and examine experts. Participants will leave with concrete practice tips and applicable knowledge regarding selecting qualified experts, preparing effective voir dire and direct examinations, engaging in witness preparation with professionals who may have limited time, and eliciting the expert opinions needed to support their cases.

To RSVP, please email trainings@childrenslawcenter.org by Monday, March 26th. However, if you do not RSVP you are still welcome to attend!

Lunch and Learn Webinar: A Recipe for Litigation – How to Build your Special Education Case, Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 12pm to 1pm

Jani Tillery, Children's Law Center Supervising Attorney, will lead this webinar training that will focus on building your special education case. This training will cover the dos and don'ts of how to develop your record strategically in order to build a strong case for special education litigation. Prior registration is not required. Webinar log-in information to follow.

Reports and Publications

Missed Opportunities: Youth Homeless in America (Voices of Youth Count, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago, November 2017)

“Missed Opportunities: National Estimates highlights results from a national survey on unaccompanied youth homelessness in America. The study — [also published in the Journal of Adolescent Health](#) — captures youth homelessness broadly, including sleeping on the streets, in shelters, running away, being kicked out, and couch surfing. Overall, findings show one in 10 young adults ages 18-25, and at least one in 30 adolescents ages 13-17, experience some form of homelessness unaccompanied by a parent or guardian over the course of a year. As a nation, we are missing opportunities to ensure that all young people can reach their full potential and contribute to stronger communities and economies across the country.” [Publication](#)

News

Local

[The Opioid Crisis Is Surging In Black, Urban Communities](#) (NPR, 3/18/18)

[D.C. Schools Expel and Suspend Poor Students More Often than their Peers](#) (Street Sense Media, 3/7/18)

[D.C. Law Enforcement, Nonprofits Plan to Exchange Human Trafficking Data](#) (Washington Times, 2/26/18)

[Children’s National Renovates Psychiatry Unit, Approach to Patient Care](#) (WTOP, 2/26/18)

[D.C. Public Schools Leader to Resign after Skirting School Assignment Rules](#) (Washington Post, 2/20/18)

[Faking the Grade: DC Public Schools' Student Failure Rate Expected to Spike](#) (WJLA, 2/20/18)

[For Homeless Women, Violence is a Pervasive Part of their Past and Present](#) (Washington Post, 2/19/18)

[D.C. Schools Dropping out of Anti-Bullying Program](#) (Washington Times, 2/18/18)

[Superheroes Like Us: Boys of Color at D.C. School Excited About ‘Black Panther’](#) (WAMU, 2/16/18)

[No Easy Access: Can D.C. Break Down Barriers To Food, Health Care And Transportation?](#) (Kojo, 2/15/18)

[Despite New Health Clinics Nearby, Some Still Cross the City for Care](#) (WAMU, 2/12/18)

[Trump Wants to Eliminate Federal Funding for D.C. Tuition Aid Program](#) (Washington Post, 2/12/18)

[Metro Wants to Switch D.C. Students’ Ride Passes to SmarTrip Cards](#) (Washington Post, 2/10/18)

[A Place Where They Can Take Their Shoes off and Say ‘I’m Home’](#) (Washington Post, 2/4/18)

[A New Court Program will Help Child Sex Trafficking Victims Find Help and Heal in Washington D.C.](#) (Thompson Reuters, 1/29/18)

[D.C. Rapid Re-housing: In Need of Improvement, or the End of the Road?](#) (Street Sense Media, 1/26/18)

[Help Trafficking Victims 'Hiding in Plain Sight' in DC Area](#) (NBC Washington, 1/24/18)

National

[The Gifted Child in Foster Care: Lost in the Shuffle](#) (Education Week, 3/9/18)

[A Pediatrician's Advice for Treating Student Trauma](#) (Education Week, 3/6/18)

[What’s Wrong, and How do we Help? Getting Children the Right Mental-Health Support](#) (Washington Post, 3/5/18)

[How We Found More Black Foster Parents & Confronted the Racial Disparity in Foster Care](#) (Youth Today, 2/28/18)

[What Kids' Trauma Looks Like Across the U.S.](#) (The Atlantic, 2/27/18)

[Five Improvements We Should Make to Mental Health Care](#) (Slate, 2/27/18)

[Pediatricians Call For Universal Depression Screening For Teens](#) (WAMU 2/26/18)

[Finding Strength in Shared Stories of Childhood Sexual Abuse](#) (NPR, 2/23/18)

[Inmate in Landmark Supreme Court Case Denied Parole](#) (The Guardian, 2/19/18)

[How to Talk with Kids about Terrible Things](#) (NPR, 2/18/18)

[Medical Experts, Child Advocates Want Facebook to Stop Messenger Kids](#) (Software News, 2/16/18)

[Should Teachers, Doctors and Social Workers Face Jail Time for Failing to Report Child Abuse?](#) (Washington Post, 2/15/18)

[CliffsNotes on Family First Act, Part One: Services to Prevent Foster Care](#) (Chronicle of Social Change, 2/13/18)

[Special Education Case That Made It to Supreme Court Enters Final Chapter](#) (Education Week, 2/13/18)

[Trump's 'Harvest Box' Isn't Viable in SNAP Overhaul, Officials Say](#) (New York Times, 2/13/18)

[I Sentenced a Teen to Die in Prison. I Regret It.](#) (Washington Post, 2/13/18)

[More Than One in Five U.S. Kids Has Had Multiple Adverse Experiences](#) (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2/10/18)

[Buchanan's Bill Meant to Keep Families Together Becomes Law](#) (Herald Tribune, 2/9/18)

[Why Child Abuse like the Turpin Family Horrors is so Hard to Prevent or Halt](#) (Los Angeles Times, 2/6/18)

[Teens Sentenced to Life in Prison say Maryland's Parole System is Unconstitutional](#) (Washington Post, 2/6/18)

[Maryland Police and Lawmakers Target Digital Evidence in Child Abuse Cases](#) (WTOP, 2/5/18)

[Grabbing the Wrong End of the Stick on Educational Stability for Foster Youth](#) (Child Welfare Monitor, 2/5/18)

[The Foster Care System was Unprepared for the Last Drug Epidemic - Let's not Repeat History](#) (Brookings, 1/31/18)

[Immigrant Children aren't Entitled to Government-Paid Lawyers in Deportation Hearings, Court Rules](#) (Los Angeles Times, 1/29/18)

[Separating Families at the Border Will Multiply Child Trauma](#) (Chronicle of Social Change, 1/29/18)

['He Didn't Deserve the Way He Died': Mother of Teen Restrained at Behavioral Health Facility Speaks Out](#) (Washington Post, 1/26/18)

[Maryland Foster Care Bill Aims to Expand Tuition Grants](#) (WTOP, 1/27/18)

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.

- 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.

- 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*

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