

# Keeping Current

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## Upcoming Events

### **Half Day Advanced GAL training, Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from 9:30am-2:00pm, D.C. Superior Court Conference Room 4440**

**9:30-11:30: Child and Family Wellbeing through Civil Rights Compliance:** This training will provide participants with a primer on Federal civil rights laws that protect children and families from discrimination in the child welfare system on the basis of race, color, national origin, and disability.

*Presenters:*

*Carla Carter, Kevonne Small, & John Thompson (Office for Civil Rights, US Department of Health and Human Services)*

*Dylan Nicole de Kervor (Federal Coordination and Compliance Section, Civil Rights Division, US Department of Justice)*

*Sarah DeCosse (Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, US Department of Justice)*

### **11:30-12:30: Case Rounds**

*Presenters: Allie Federoff and Adrienne Clarke (Children's Law Center)*

### **12:30-12:45: Break**

**12:45-2: Effective GAL Advocacy for Youth with Delinquency Cases:** This training will provide an overview of the District of Columbia juvenile delinquency system from a youth's arrest to the end of the youth's commitment to the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS). The session will engage attorneys in a dialogue about how GALs can effectively support and advocate for dual-jacketed clients, both inside and outside of the courtroom.

*Presenters: Brittany Mobley, Clare Kruger, Stephany Reaves (Public Defender Service)*

**Interested participants are welcome to join all or some of the individual sessions! Please email [trainings@childrenslawcenter.org](mailto:trainings@childrenslawcenter.org) by Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. However, if you do not RSVP you are still welcome to attend!**

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### **Lunch and Learn Webinar: Attachment: Getting to the Heart of the Matter in Case Practice: Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 12pm-1pm**

Join Kim Daulton, Social Work Project Director and Tyra Moore, Supervisory Social Worker at the Children's Law Center, for a thought-provoking training around how practitioners can re-frame cases through the lens of attachment. The training will describe how attachments are formed, discuss the impacts of broken attachment systems, describe attachment styles for children and caregivers, and highlight various decision points in a case where attachment issues should be considered. This training will lay the groundwork for practitioners to expand advocacy strategies based on a deeper understanding of how clients experience and heal through relationships in their lives. **Information on how to join webinar coming soon!**

# Reports and Publications

## **Practice Kit 4: CFSA Policies and LaShawn A.** (Children's Law Center, Revised June 2018)

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 8: A Guide to Medicaid for Children in DC** (Children's Law Center, Revised May 2018)

This practice kit is designed to provide a general overview of the federal and local laws that govern the provision of Medicaid benefits to children in DC and to empower attorneys and advocates to seek services and applicable remedies using this knowledge. The kit should serve as a helpful resource to varied audiences and resources in this toolkit may be used to advocate for any child who lives in the District of Columbia, is a ward of D.C., or who is otherwise covered by D.C. Medicaid for any reason. [Publication](#)

## **Practice Kit 13: Children's Mental Health and Trauma** (Children's Law Center, Revised May 2018)

This practice kit seeks to empower practitioners to advocate effectively for children with mental health needs. It provides general information on trauma, psychiatric diagnoses and medication, evidence-based practices and other modes of mental health service delivery. Additionally, the kit offers an overview of the public mental health system in DC, with information about providers and services. Finally, the kit provides practitioners with federal and local statutory and regulatory authority regarding privacy, informed consent, mental health consumers' rights, psychiatric residential treatment facilities, psychiatric hospitalization and more. [Publication](#)

# News

## Local/Regional

[Foster Care Alumni on the Challenges Facing Foster Youth & Life beyond the System](#) (WYPR, 6/6/18)

[D.C. Passes Emergency Law to Allow Chronically Absent Students to Graduate](#) (Washington Post, 6/6/18)

[Locked Up for Years as Teens, They've Returned Home to D.C. Hoping to Make a Difference](#) (Washington Post, 6/5/18)

[D.C. Council Passes FY2019 Budget Unanimously, Adds \\$1 Million for Rapid Re-Housing Services](#) (Street Sense Media, 5/30/18)

[We Asked D.C. Students What They Would Do To End Gun Violence In Their Neighborhoods. Here's What They Said](#) (WAMU, 5/24/18)

[For Troubled Kids, Some Schools Take Time Out for Group Therapy](#) (WAMU, 5/23/18)

[Uptick in Teen Violence is a 'Deeper Problem:' DC Police](#) (WTOP, 5/21/18)

[D.C.'s School Budget Not Enough, say Advocacy Groups](#) (Washington Times, 5/20/18)

[D.C.'s Summer Jobs Program Grows Up](#) (*Opinion*) (Washington Post, 5/18/18)

[D.C.'s Black Unemployment Rate Remains among Highest in the Country](#) (WAMU, 5/18/18)

[Friendship Place Launches a Regional Homelessness Prevention Program with the Help of Amazon's Million-Dollar Donation](#) (Street Sense Media, 5/16/18)

[Trauma and Resilience: How Kids Cope After Experiencing Gun Violence](#) (The Kojo Nnamdi Show, 5/16/18)

[Maryland Bans 'Gay Conversion Therapy' for Minors](#) (WJLA, 5/15/18)

[New Affordable Housing Caters to Families, as DC's Largest Shelter Gets Ready to Close](#) (WTOP, 5/10/18)

[How Washington Families Experience Transracial Adoption](#) (The Kojo Nnamdi Show, 5/10/18)

[Fostering Success: New Community Program Aims to Improve Outcomes for Parents with Young Children in Foster Care](#) (The Frederick News-Post, 5/4/18)

## National

[Child Welfare Policy around Opioids Driven By Ignorance and Arrogance](#) (Commentary) (Youth Today, 6/6/18)

[National Survey Finds Expanding Number of College Programs for Foster Youth](#) (Chronicle of Social Change, 6/6/18)

[I Work with Children Separated from Caregivers at the Border. What Happens is Unforgivable](#) (Vox, 6/6/18)

[Congress Proposes Fix to Provide Medicaid for Former Foster Youth Up to Age 26](#) (Commentary) (Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, 6/6/18)

[The Kids who are Cleared to Leave Psychiatric Hospitals – But Can't](#) (The Atlantic, 6/5/18)

[7 Suggestions for Better School Discipline](#) (Commentary) (Education Week, 5/29/18)

[Let's Recognize that Foster Care is a Job – and Pay Accordingly](#) (Commentary) (Child Welfare Monitor, 5/29/18)

[US: Missing and Forgotten: Thousands of Foster Kids Kicked out of the System](#) (Fox 25 Boston, 5/23/18)

[School-Based Mental Health Centers Play Vital Role for Hispanic and Black Students](#) (WNPR, 5/22/18)

[How Prevention Services Could Help Youth Avoid the Foster Care System](#) (Editorial) (Teen Vogue, 5/20/18)

[It's not just School Shootings; Children across the US are Dying from Gun Violence](#) (Vox, 5/19/18)

[We Have to Stop Losing Half of Foster Parents in the First Year](#) (Commentary) (Chronicle of Social Change, 5/18/18)

[Will Placing Fewer Children in Foster Care Fix the System?](#) (Commentary) (AEI, 5/16/18)

[From Beauty Salons to Foster Homes, Denise Goodman Explains How to Crack the Recruitment Code](#) (Chronicle of Social Change, 5/15/18)

[How Income Affects the Brain](#) (The Atlantic, 5/15/18)

[Veteran Policymaker says 80 Percent of Special-Ed Kids don't need that Label](#) (Washington Post, 5/12/18)

[Rushing Foster Kids into Quick Adoptions isn't Always in their Best Interest](#) (Op-Ed) (Los Angeles Times, 5/10/18)

[Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities](#) (Commentary) (The Hill, 5/9/18)

[One Ohio School's Quest to Rethink Bad Behavior](#) (The Atlantic, 5/8/18)

[Groups Seek to Help LGBTQ Families Fill the Foster Parent Shortage](#) (Chronicle of Social Change, 5/7/18)

[This New Federal Law Will Change Foster Care As We Know It](#) (The Pew Charitable Trusts, 5/2/18)

[More Mandatory Reporting Won't Keep Children Safe from Predators](#) (Opinion) (Washington Post, 5/1/18)

[Why Early Intervention Is So Important for Children's Mental Health Issues](#) (Healthline, 5/1/18)

## CLC Trainings Schedule 2017-2018

### Half and Full-Day Trainings

- Trial Simulation: August 15, 2018, 9:30am-4:30pm
- Half-Day Special Education Training: September 19, 2018

#### 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.**