

# Keeping Current

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## Upcoming Events

### **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.

To join the webinar, go to <https://zoom.us/j/729218383> and dial (669) 900-6833. Meeting ID: 729 218 383.

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### **Core Conflict Resolution Tools: Thursday, July 26, 2018, 3pm-4:30pm, at Children's Law Center (501 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC 20001)**

This training is designed to deepen advocates' self-awareness of their own styles of responding to conflict and teach two techniques for engaging with clients (or colleagues, family members or friends) in moments of anxiety, anguish, aggression and impasse. The training will enhance advocates' conflict resolution skills to strengthen their competence and confidence as mediators, negotiators and problem-solvers. Presenters will be Barbara Burr of the Burr Law Firm and Lisa Herrick, Ph.D., who is a licensed private individual and couples therapist, both of whom are associated with the Collaborative Practice Center of Greater Washington. The training will be moderated by Children Law Center senior attorney Lauren Birzon Harriman.

To RSVP, please email [trainings@childrenslawcenter.org](mailto:trainings@childrenslawcenter.org) by Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. However, if you do not RSVP you are still welcome to attend!

## Reports and Publications

### **Practice Kit 14: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) (Children's Law Center, Revised June 2018)**

This practice kit is intended as a guide for lawyers who suspect that a client has, or is at risk of having, involvement in the commercial sexual exploitation of children. In particular, this practice kit aims to 1) guide practitioners on ways to identify and talk to clients they believe or know to be victims and survivors of CSEC; 2) provide a list of therapeutic interventions and services providers that understand and treat the complex trauma associated with survivors of CSEC; and 3) reference the federal and state laws pertaining to survivors and perpetrators of CSEC to aid practitioners in securing funds and appropriate treatments for their clients.

[Publication](#)

## **Trafficking in Persons Report** (US Department of State, June 2018)

“This year’s report focuses on effective ways local communities can address human trafficking proactively and on how national governments can support and empower them. Local communities are the most affected by this abhorrent crime and are also the first line of defense against human trafficking. By engaging and training law enforcement, religious leaders, teachers, tribal elders, business executives, and communities, we become more vigilant and learn to identify and address vulnerabilities swiftly. Proactive community-driven measures strengthen our ability to protect our most vulnerable and weaken a criminal’s ability to infiltrate, recruit, and exploit.”

[Publication](#)

## News

### Local/Regional

[New Virginia Law Mandates Mental Health Education in Public Schools](#) (WAMU, 7/5/18)

[Alexandria Firefighter Teaches First Responders how to Spot Human Trafficking Victims](#) (WJLA, 7/4/18)

[Excessive Heat is Especially Dangerous for People Experiencing Homelessness](#) (Street Sense Media, 7/3/18)

[D.C. Council Considers a Crackdown on Slumlords](#) (DCist, 7/3/18)

[Should Marijuana Use Be Permitted in Public Housing?](#) (The Kojo Nnamdi Show, 7/3/18)

[D.C.'s Minimum Wage Rises to \\$13.25](#) (DCist, 7/2/18)

[Once a Foster Child Himself, He’s Launched a Drive to Show Every Separated Border Child Someone Cares](#) (Washington Post, 7/2/18)

[Homelessness is Often a Symptom of Untreated Mental Illness](#) (Commentary) (The DC Line, 7/2/18)

[6,904 People: The D.C. Homeless Crisis](#) (D.C. Homeless Crisis Press, 6/28/18)

[D.C. Central Kitchen will Open their Services to Youth](#) (Street Sense Media, 6/28/18)

[Should 16-Year-Olds be able to Vote? A Majority of the D.C. Council Thinks So](#) (Washington Post, 6/27/18)

[10 Children Separated at Border are being Cared for in Maryland](#) (Baltimore Sun, 6/27/18)

[D.C. Council Finalizes \\$14.5 Billion Budget, including New Taxes and Spending](#) (Washington Post, 6/26/18)

[Low-Income D.C. Tenants Petition Congress to Spurn Ben Carson’s Plan to Raise Rents for America’s Poorest](#) (Washington Post, 6/26/18)

[D.C. Council OKs Early Childcare Programs](#) (Washington Post, 6/26/18)

[Bowser’s Plan for New Homeless Shelters to Replace D.C. General Hits Delays](#) (Washington Post, 6/25/18)

[DC Schools Plan Changes to Attendance and Graduation Requirements](#) (WTOP, 6/23/18)

[D.C. Enacts Emergency Rules that Move Away from Hard-Line Attendance Policy](#) (Washington Post, 6/22/18)

[Learn about Available Mental Health Services and Treatments Right Here in DC](#) (WJLA, 6/21/18)

[Montgomery County Officers Get Mental Health Training](#) (NBC Washington, 6/19/18)

[Incumbents Roll to Victories in DC’s Democratic Primary](#) (WTOP, 6/19/18)

[“Another Independence Day”: What Juneteenth Means To Washingtonians](#) (The Kojo Nnamdi Show, 6/19/18)

[Need to Leave, Nowhere to Go: Local Org Gives New Life to Survivors of Abuse](#) (WTOP, 6/18/18)

[DC’s Public Schools Go From Success Story to Cautionary Tale](#) (NBC Washington, 6/17/18)

[Why Washington is one of the Worst Places to be Black and Pregnant](#) (Washington Post, 6/15/18)

[More Foster Families Needed in Montgomery County](#) (WJLA, 6/13/18)

[‘Where the Need is:’ Tackling Teen Pregnancy with a Midwife at School](#) (WAMU, 6/11/18)

[Rent Strikes Grow in Popularity among Tenants as Gentrification Drives up Rents in Cities like D.C.](#) (Washington Post, 6/9/18)

[D.C. Students will Receive SmarTrip cards to Ride Public Transit Free](#) (Washington Post, 6/8/18)

## National

[The Threat of International Adoption for Migrant Children Separated From Their Families](#) (Intercept, 7/1/18)

[Older Foster Youth Would Be Challenged by Proposed Work Requirements for Food Stamps](#) (Chronicle of Social Change, 6/29/18)

[Cyndi Lauper Unveils Report on LGBTQ Youth Homelessness](#) (NBC Washington, 6/29/18)

[Many Pediatricians Don't Know How to Handle Gender-Dysphoric Kids](#) (The Atlantic, 6/26/18)

[Study: Half of Kids Born to Teen Moms in Foster Care Will Wind Up in Foster Care Themselves](#) (Chronicle of Social Change, 6/25/18)

[The Brutal Reality of our Child Welfare System](#) (Commentary) (WBUR, 6/22/18)

[HHS Creates Task Force to Reunify Migrant Families](#) (Politico, 6/22/18)

[How America Treats Its Own Children](#) (The Atlantic, 6/21/18)

[We Are Failing Our Most Vulnerable Children: Growing Numbers of Students Face Chronic Poverty, Homelessness, and More](#) (Commentary) (Education Week, 6/19/18)

[The Governors of Maryland, Virginia, and Other States are Pulling National Guard Troops from the Border](#) (Vox, 6/19/18)

[An Alternative to Foster Care For Babies Born To Opioid-Addicted Moms](#) (WAMU, 6/19/18)

[I'm a Doctor Caring for Opioid-Addicted Newborns. Here's What I Need to Help Them](#) (Commentary) (Reuters, 6/18/18)

[Toolkit to Help Child Welfare Agencies Serve LGBTQ Families](#) (Chronicle of Social Change, 6/15/18)

[US: Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Policy Reform](#) (NCSL, 6/11/18)

[Opioid Crisis: Removing Infants from Mothers on Medication Assisted Treatment is Misguided](#) (Commentary) (Child Welfare Monitor, 6/11/18)

[10 Legal Victories That Mark Progress for Trans and Nonbinary People](#) (them., 5/15/18)

## CLC Trainings Schedule 2018

### Half and Full-Day Trainings

- Trial Simulation: Date forthcoming (September 2018)
- 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.**