

Child Care Legal Issues in California

March 16, 2017

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Why You Should Attend

Child care is critical to supporting families and children, and reducing poverty and inequality. What legal tools can we, as attorneys, bring to bear to help low-income families get their children good quality child care? In this session, we will train attorneys in legal strategies to increase access to child care. These include benefit law strategies to help low-income parents get and stay in publicly subsidized child care programs, and land use and landlord-tenant strategies to help licensed family child care providers keep and expand the programs that serve low-income families.

What You Will Learn

- Overview of the California child care system and its importance for children and families
- Advocacy for families receiving subsidized child care
- Using the California Day Care Facilities Act to represent child care providers and increase the supply of child care

Who Should Attend

Practitioners, paralegals, and other professionals looking to gain a deeper understanding of the child care system in California will benefit from attending this program. Attendees interested in providing pro bono assistance on child care issues are encouraged to attend and will learn tools to get started advocating for families.

Program Schedule

9:00

Program Overview and Introductions

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Understanding the California Child Care System

- Importance of child care for working parents, child development
- Overview of the child care delivery system; licensed and unlicensed care
- Not enough child care, especially for infants and toddlers (0-3) and parents with non-traditional work schedules
- Cost of child care and value of the subsidy

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Advocating for Families Receiving Subsidized Child Care

- Intro to California's subsidized child care system: CalWORKs and General child care
- Eligibility and Waiting Lists
- Notice and Appeal Rights

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Networking Break

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Representing Child Care Providers to Increase the Supply of Child Care

- Using the California Day Care Facilities Act to help family child care providers
- Legal tools to strike down excessive local restrictions imposed on large and small family child care homes
- Eviction protections for California tenants who provide family child care in their homes

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Adjourn

Faculty

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