

Advocacy for Low-Income Children with Disabilities in California 2019

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Why You Should Attend

Attend this program so that you can receive the information you need to identify and represent low-income children in California with education, healthcare, and public benefits issues. Learn the basic substantive law regarding special education, discipline for students with disabilities, advocacy for foster youth, foster care benefits, and healthcare for youth who are pregnant and parenting and those with mental health needs, so you can take a pro bono case to assist a low-income child in California.

What You Will Learn

- Addressing the special education needs of low-income children with disabilities through the IEP: The basics
- How trauma impacts learning and how to create trauma informed IEPs
- Addressing bullying through the IEP process
- How to address foster care benefits issues for youth in the dependency and juvenile justice systems including how to navigate the State's new rate systems and how to better support youth placed with relatives
- What health entitlements and legal strategies are available for youth who are pregnant or parenting
- How to better advocate for youth with mental health needs

Who Should Attend

Any attorney interested in providing pro bono assistance to low-income children in California.

AGENDA

9:00

Opening Remarks

Jill Rowland

9:15

Special Education Advocacy

- Requesting and reviewing education records
- Requesting a special education assessment: Types and timelines
- Individualized Education Program: Goals and services
- Consent: Signing the IEP

Sam Paneno, Jill Rowland

10:15

Special Education for Students Experiencing Trauma

- Impact of trauma on learning
- Trauma and special education eligibility
- Trauma informed IEP goals
- Trauma informed IEP services
- Addressing behavior through a trauma lens

Sam Paneno, Jill Rowland

11:15 Networking Break

11:30

Bullying

- General education students: Section 504 of Rehab Act, Title II of Americans with Disabilities Act, Title IX Constitutional Claim, and Gebser letters
- Bullying and special education students
 - When the victim has a disability: Identification (call IEP meeting), investigation (and report back to IEP team), and prevention (plan developed through IEP)
 - When the alleged 'bully' has a disability: Address behavioral and discipline needs through IEP team

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12:30 Lunch

1:45

Medicaid Advocacy for Youth with Disabilities - Focus on Mental Health

- Community based mental health services through Medicaid/EPSDT – How do you help your clients access the services they need?
 - MST, TBS, ICM
 - Pathways to Well-Being Services
- Other health issues

Brian Blalock

2:45

Health Coverage & Reproductive Rights for Pregnant/Parenting Teens

- Funding, services, and protections for pregnant/parenting teens
- Reproductive rights for children and young adults – What rights do your clients have and how can you help enforce them?

Amy G. Chen, Priscilla Huang

3:45 Networking Break

4:00

Advocacy for Court Involved Youth with Disabilities

- Funding and supports for court involved youth with high level disabilities
 - Continuum of Care Reform - what has changed (and what has not)
 - Extended foster care and advocacy for older youth
- Resource Family Approval (RFA) process – How can you help your clients be placed with and stay with relatives
 - New foster care rate systems

Brian Blalock, Angie Schwartz

5:00 Adjourn

Faculty:

Co-Chairs:

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