

# The Legal Aid Association of California proudly presents our first-ever Virtual Traveling Trainings—Spring 2009

All trainings are from noon to 1:00 pm, unless otherwise noted

## How Does It Work?

- The Virtual Trainings are **FREE**, short, live, interactive programs that you listen to over your phone and view on your computer screen. There is a Q&A period over the phone during the last 10 minutes of each program.
- Registrants receive emails before the training with the link to the materials, the conference call number and simple, easy-to-follow instructions on how to join the online meeting.
- LAAC is a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider. Participants receive 1 hour of general MCLE credit.

### **Wednesday, April 8, Noon to 1PM**

#### **What is LAAC?**

*LAAC Staff, Legal Aid Association of California*

Learn about LAAC's history, its advocacy efforts, upcoming trainings, other program components, as well as how we can support you!

### **Monday, April 13, Noon to 1PM**

#### **Alphabet Soup I: An Intro to Benefits for Children in Foster Care**

*Alice Bussiere, Youth Law Center*

*Angie Schwartz, Public Interest Law Project*

This session will provide a basic overview of benefits for children in foster care, including AFDC-FC (foster care payments), CalWORKs, Adoption Assistance, and Kin-GAP. It is designed to help attorneys and advocates with little knowledge of the foster care benefits system understand the basic eligibility criteria for the different benefit programs available to youth in out-of-home care, identify issues faced by children in out-of-home care and their families (particularly relative care providers), and advise clients on the different sources of financial assistance available to them when they decide to take a child into their home.

### **Monday, April 20, Noon to 1PM**

#### **Ethics Issues for Community Lawyers**

*Jenny Chung, Insight Center for Community Economic Development*

Working in the community on community-led projects presents a number of ethical issues for lawyers. These include identifying the client, defining the scope of representation and communicating when the representation has ended. This session will explore community lawyering scenarios that commonly present ethics issues and discuss risk-management techniques.

\*Note: This session is approved for one hour of Legal Ethics MCLE credit.\*

### **Monday, April 27, Noon to 1PM**

#### **IHSS Basics**

*Anna Rich, National Senior Citizens Law Center*

*Dan Brzovic, Disability Rights California*

This webinar will cover eligibility for IHSS, eligibility determinations, services and needs assessment, issues with spouse and parent providers, language access and advocacy tips.

### **Monday, May 4, Noon to 1PM**

#### **Alphabet Soup II: Benefits Issues for Children in Foster Care**

*Alice Bussiere, Youth Law Center*

*Angie Schwartz, Public Interest Law Project*

This session will provide a more in depth discussion of the benefit issues currently facing children, foster parents, and relative caregivers. Specific topics will be based on questions from the participants but will likely include: choosing the appropriate benefit program and custody arrangement; ensuring children who live with relatives receive the appropriate financial assistance; maximizing cash benefits; understanding the interplay between the different benefit programs; ensuring youth gain access to benefits and services as they transition out of foster care, particularly SSI; and implementation of Fostering Connections, a new federal law.

### **Monday, May 11, Noon to 1PM**

#### **Issues Affecting Immigrant Workers**

*Mark Silverman, Immigrant Legal Resource Center*

*Nora Preciado, National Immigration Law Center*

An overview of the E-Verify program, SSA No Match letters and the protections available under the anti-discrimination provisions in the Immigration and Nationality Act. Including a discussion of advocacy strategies to protect workers against misuse of the E-Verify program and SSA No Match letters.

### **Monday, May 18, Noon to 1PM**

#### **Representing Tenants in Foreclosed Homes**

*Catherine Bishop, National Housing Law Project*

*Lynn Martinez, Western Center on Law & Poverty*

California advocates are representing tenants who are threatened with eviction due to foreclosures. This session will discuss procedural and substantive defenses that advocates may raise on behalf of tenants, including voucher tenants. In addition, we will discuss local policy advocacy on issues to assist renters to remain in their homes post foreclosure.

### **Tuesday, June 2, Noon to 1PM**

#### **Protecting Tenants and Homeowners with Family Day Care Homes**

*Claire Ramsey, Child Care Law Center*

*Kim Pederson from FHLP of Law Foundation of Silicon Valley*

*Lynn Martinez, Western Center on Law & Poverty*

This session will examine fair housing laws with a particular focus on family child care providers. The session will discuss recent litigation to enforce family child care and fair housing laws, as well as tenant protections.

# REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE 2009 VIRTUAL TRAVELING TRAININGS

**To register:** Please click on the below links to directly register.

***NOTE: DO NOT EMAIL OR FAX THIS SHEET.***

- **April 8: What is LAAC?**

To register please click here: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/845743763>

- **April 13: Alphabet Soup I: An Intro to Benefits for Children in Foster Care**

To register please click here: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/860818212>

- **April 20: Ethics Issues for Community Lawyers**

To register please click here: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/978540500>

- **April 27: IHSS Basics**

To register please click here: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/853663850>

- **May 4: Alphabet Soup II: Benefits Issues for Children in Foster Care**

To register please click here: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/517014588>

- **May 11: Issues Affecting Immigrant Workers**

To register please click here: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/362459476>

- **May 18: Representing Tenants in Foreclosed Homes**

To register please click here: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/286490813>

- **June 2: Protecting Tenants and Homeowners with Family Day Care Homes**

To register please click here: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/388778350>

### **About the Traveling Trainings:**

In response to training needs identified at the "Connecting the Dots" 2001 Annual Stakeholders Meeting, the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) offers a yearly series of Traveling Trainings designed to bring high-quality substantive trainings to advocates in Sacramento, Fresno, the Inland Empire, and San Diego. Traveling Trainings introduce advocates to a range of Support Center expertise, with trainers from throughout California presenting workshops on diverse substantive issues, skills, and hot topics. Those attending earn **MCLE credit** in workshops on areas ranging from public benefits to housing and disability rights, from services for seniors to issues affecting children & youth, from critical issues facing immigrants to interactive skills-based sessions, and much more! This is the first time we've offered the Traveling Training as a "virtual" series; we hope you'll join us for one or many of the sessions!

### **What Happens Once You Register?**

- Once you register at GoToWebinar.com using the link(s) above, you will receive a confirmation email from GoToWebinar.com with a link for logging in on the day of the training as well as conference call information. You will also be sent a reminder email one day before the training.
- Please sign into the online meeting 15 minutes before the training starts to ensure your connection and call into the conference call 5 minutes before the training.
- You will receive the MCLE Certificate of Attendance and Evaluation via email after the training.
- We will be recording all trainings this season. The recordings will be available online approximately one day after each training.
- **Questions?** Contact Vivian Chen, LAAC Training Associate, at [vchen@pic.org](mailto:vchen@pic.org) or (415) 834-0100 x312