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San Diego/Inland Empire Traveling Training 2006

November 16 & 17, 2006

Mission Valley Resort
875 Hotel Circle South
San Diego, CA 92108
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LAAC's 2006 San Diego/Inland Empire Traveling Training

Background Information:

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 and San Diego. LAAC is pleased to bring its **eighth** Traveling Training to the San Diego/Inland Empire area in partnership with local legal services programs.

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 programs affecting children & youth, from critical issues facing immigrants to interactive skills-based sessions—and much more!

Without the generous participation of the following
Support Centers and legal services programs,
the LAAC Traveling Trainings would not be possible.
LAAC is deeply grateful for the time and expertise they share.

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
California Women's Law Center
Center for Human Rights & Constitutional Law
Child Care Law Center
Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations
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Disability Rights Legal Center
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Mental Health Advocacy Services
National Center for Youth Law

National Consumer Law Center
National Economic Development & Law Center
National Health Law Program
National Housing Law Project
National Immigration Law Center
National Senior Citizens Law Center
Protection & Advocacy
Public Interest Clearinghouse
Public Interest Law Project
Western Center on Law & Poverty
WorkSafe
Youth Law Center

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

This schedule is subject to change. Please see program descriptions for more details about individual sessions. A final schedule will be available in the on-site program materials at the conference.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

- Conference Registration Opens
- Continental Breakfast

9:45 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

- Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.—Panel Topics

- Consumer Issues Affecting Vulnerable Populations
- Enhance Your Negotiation Skills
- Advanced Medi-Cal
- Immigrant Eligibility for Benefits

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- Lunch Program on the Patio

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.—Roundtables

Advocates can choose between the roundtable groups listed below to meet with staff from Support Centers to discuss advocacy updates and brainstorm ideas for the next legislative sessions. The roundtable topics are subject to change as trainers confirm their availability; a final list will be available in the on-site materials.

- ⇒ Health
- ⇒ Housing
- ⇒ Skills
- ⇒ Benefits
- ⇒ Children & Youth
- ⇒ Immigration
- ⇒ Seniors

2:35 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Panel Topics

- Advocating with Your Public Housing Authority on Policy Issues
- Public Benefits for Vulnerable Populations of Children & Youth
- Working with Clients with Mental Health Conditions
- Current Issues and Hot Topics in Immigration

Want More Time for Networking?

Possible Informal Gathering

Thursday Evening, 6 to 8 pm:

If there is sufficient interest, LAAC will make a reservation for an informal gathering at a local restaurant on Thursday night. Please indicate your interest on the "Course Selector Form."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

- Conference Registration Opens
- Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.—Panel Topics

- Advanced Eviction Defense
- Identifying and Pursuing Litigation
- Health Care Access for Seniors
- Issues Affecting Low-Income Children & Youth

12:30 p.m.—Conference Ends

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

DAY ONE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Consumer Issues Affecting Vulnerable Populations

Tara Twomey, National Consumer Law Center
(2.5 hours MCLE)

This session will focus on two areas of consumer law of particular concern to legal services clients: (1) consumer scams that target particularly vulnerable populations, including seniors; and (2) the current rise in foreclosure relief scams targeting seniors, persons with disabilities, and limited English speakers. What legal recourse exists in these cases, and what can the legal services community be doing to prepare for the increase in these types of situations?

Enhance Your Negotiation Skills

Jeanne Finberg, National Senior Citizens Law Center;
Jocelyn Larkin, National Senior Citizens Law Center;
Brad Seligman, Impact Fund
(2.5 hours MCLE)

Most cases don't go to trial; they get settled. Yet, few advocates prepare and train for negotiation sessions. This session will provide practical tips and information on preparing and conducting negotiations in typical legal services' cases. Panelists will present and discuss a variety of techniques for preparing and executing effective negotiations, including strategies for handling difficult situations and negotiators. Case examples will be presented and used.

Advanced Medi-Cal

Randy Boyle, National Health Law Program
(2.5 hours MCLE)

The session is designed for advocates who already understand the basics of Medi-Cal. It will discuss changes to the program under the Deficit Reduction Act, Medi-Cal and health debt issues, share of cost and disability programs, additional resources for Medi-Cal advocacy, and other topics.

Immigrant Eligibility for Benefits

Tareq Amer, National Economic Development and Law Center;
Kevin Aslanian, Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations;
Kirsten Hill, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation;
Fran Schreiber, WorkSafe
(2.5 hours MCLE)

This session will discuss the eligibility requirements for immigrants to receive public benefits such as CalWORKS, Medi-Cal, CAPI, and worker's compensation, as well as barriers to accessing these benefits. Panelists will also present the online Self-Sufficiency Calculator, a free and completely anonymous tool that helps counselors find what financial help might be available to low wage workers, determine which of the 14 different public benefits a client may be eligible for, and create strategies to move their clients towards economic self-sufficiency.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Roundtables: Advocacy Updates and Legislative Brainstorming

These roundtables aim to provide advocates in a particular substantive area the opportunity to gather with colleagues from other programs and Support Centers in order to share updates on advocacy work, discuss possible legislation that could be introduced in the next legislative session, and pose questions of mutual concern. Attendees can choose between the seven following substantive areas: (1) Health; (2) Housing; (3) Skills; (4) Benefits; (5) Children & Youth; (6) Immigration; and (7) Seniors.

2:35 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Advocating with your Public Housing Authority on Policy Issues

Catherine Bishop & Alaric Degrafinried, National Housing Law Project
(2.5 hours MCLE)

This session will start with a brief description of the Public Housing Authority (PHA) plan process, followed by discussions of how to effect policy changes in a local PHA plan on specific issues including: (i) incorporating the new VAWA obligations into the plan and other program documents; (ii) issues relating to disabled tenants and reasonable accommodation within the plan and PHA policies; and (iii) Section 3 (an employment program that attaches to federal housing funds that are used in the community) and how to use it so as to maximize job creation and business opportunities for low income individuals.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

DAYS 1 & 2: THURSDAY 11/16 & FRIDAY 11/17

(Cont'd from previous page, Sessions 2:35pm-5:00pm)

Public Benefits for Vulnerable Populations of Children & Youth

Emily Austin, California Women's Law Center; Alice Bussiere, Youth Law Center; Patrick Gardner, National Center for Youth Law; Angie Schwartz, Public Interest Law Project;

(2.5 hours MCLE)

This session will discuss the benefits available for particularly vulnerable populations of low-income children and youth, including: children in the dependency system; pregnant and parenting teens, children with disabilities, and children & youth in need of mental health services.

Working with Clients with Mental Health Conditions

T.J. Hill, Disability Rights Legal Center; Pam Marx, Mental Health Advocacy Services; Ann Menasche, Protection and Advocacy

(2.5 hours total MCLE, 1 hour Elimination of Bias)

This session will present practical tips on working with clients with mental health conditions, including suggestions on sensitivity and the elimination of bias against persons with mental health disabilities. It will also discuss ethical responsibilities of attorneys and staff around disclosure, capacity issues, and working with third parties.

Current Issues and Hot Topics in Immigration

Kirsten Hill, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation; Linton Joaquin, National Immigration Law Center; Peter Schey, Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law; Mark Silverman, Immigrant Legal Resource Center;

(2.5 hours MCLE)

What critical issues face the immigrant community in California today? This dynamic collection of Support Centers will explore some of the key substantive topics relating to immigration, including: information about immigration options for domestic violence and human trafficking victims, an overview of family immigration and naturalization, and other key current issues in immigration.

DAY 2: Nov. 17th
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Advanced Eviction Defense

Catherine Bishop, National Housing Law Project; Linda Kilb, Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund; Linda Kim, Public Interest Clearinghouse; Deanna Kitamura, Western Center on Law & Poverty;

(3 hours MCLE)

An expert panel of staff from these four Support Centers will

examine the intersections between key areas of housing law and disability rights. This dynamic workshop will include interactive exercises to highlight diverse issues arising in eviction defense and housing cases, including fair housing and reasonable accommodations, as well as provide information on accessing quality referrals and self-help resources.

Identifying and Pursuing Litigation

Jeanne Finberg, National Senior Citizens Law Center; Dick Rothschild, Western Center on Law & Poverty;

(3 hours MCLE)

This session will discuss how advocates can identify systemic challenges and then pursue litigation. It will also touch on the use of writs of mandamus, strategies for effective writing, and practical tips on creating and following a litigation plan. Other topics may include resources and budgets for litigation, retainer and co-counseling arrangements, settlement valuation, compensation for named plaintiffs, and claims procedures and administration.

Health Care Access for Seniors

Prescott Cole, California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform; Georgia Burke, National Senior Citizens Law Center

(3 hours MCLE)

This panel session will focus on current topics affecting seniors' access to health care coverage and benefits, including seniors' eligibility for Medi-Cal payments for long-term care, prescription benefits through Medi-Cal Part D, as well as issues unique to the Medi-Medi population (i.e., seniors eligible for both Medicare and Medi-Cal).

Other Issues Affecting Low-Income Children & Youth

Alice Bussiere, Youth Law Center; Eve Hershcopf, Child Care Law Center; Cassie Pierson, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children; Mark Silverman, Immigrant Legal Resource Center;

(3 hours MCLE)

This session will discuss a variety of the issues facing low-income children/youth, including: topics that impact children in the foster care system; accessing subsidized child care programs; and issues faced by children living apart from incarcerated or otherwise absent parents, including custody arrangements and maintaining contact with parents and family members. It will also discuss cross-cutting immigration topics, including Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), trafficking (U- and T-Visas), derivative citizenship, and the Child Student Protection Act (CSPA).



REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete both this Registration Form and the Course Selector Form and return with payment to the Legal Aid Association of California **by November 6, 2006.**

Registration Information

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 6, 2006
CANCELLATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 10, 2006

Name _____

Organization/Affiliation _____

Title _____

Address _____

City, State, & Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

State Bar Number _____

Yes, I request a vegetarian lunch.

Disability Accommodations:

To request accommodations related to a disability, please check here and also call Vanessa Carr at (415) 834-0100 x 312.

Cancellation Policy:

Registration cancellations must be received in writing at the LAAC office no later than **November 10, 2006**. Caterers require advance payment for meal costs by LAAC. Therefore, registration fees are nonrefundable if the cancellation is received after **November 10, 2006**. Attendees who register but do not pay nor attend will be invoiced for the full registration fee.

Questions? Contact Vanessa Carr at (415) 834-0100 x 312 or vcarr@pic.org

Registration Fees and Payment

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FEES BELOW

The **LAAC Discount** is for staff at a LAAC member program or individual members of LAAC only. LAAC Member programs that register more than five staff members will receive a \$10 discount off each registration fee, starting with the sixth registrant. Group registration forms must be submitted together.

Not sure if you qualify for the LAAC Discount?
To view the 2006 list of LAAC Member Organizations and Individual LAAC Members, go to www.CALegalAdvocates.org.

Advocate Registration Fees (received by 11/6/06):

- \$130: Private Bar
- \$90: Non-Profit, Court and Government
- \$65: LAAC Discount
- \$55: LAAC Group Discount (starting with the sixth registrant from a LAAC member program—must be submitted together.)

Law Student Registration Fees:

- \$25: Law student purchasing lunch
- Free: Law student not purchasing lunch
(Limited to the first 25 students to register)

Late Registration Fees: (received after 11/6/06 and only if space is available)

- Add an additional \$20 late fee to the registration fee checked above.

Total Enclosed: _____
(Payable to the Legal Aid Association of California)

Send Completed Forms and Payment to:

LAAC (ATTN: Vanessa Carr)
c/o Public Interest Clearinghouse
47 Kearny Street, Suite 705
San Francisco, CA 94108
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COURSE SELECTOR FORM

To register, please complete both this Course Selector Form and the Registration Form and return with payment to the Legal Aid Association of California **by November 6, 2006**. To download more forms, visit www.CALegalAdvocates.org

Name

Email

COURSE SELECTIONS:

**Please help us plan by checking the boxes for the programs you wish to attend.
(Only one program per timeslot).**

DAY ONE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

10:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

PLEASE SELECT ONE:

- Consumer Issues Affecting Vulnerable Populations
- Enhance Your Negotiation Skills
- Advanced Medi-Cal
- Immigrant Eligibility for Benefits

1:30 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.: LUNCH

PLEASE SELECT ONE ROUNDTABLE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefits | |

2:30 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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- Advocating with your Public Housing Authority on Policy Issues
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THURSDAY EVENING

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- YES, if LAAC staff set up a reservation for an informal gathering, I will attend!

DAY TWO: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

9:00 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.

PLEASE SELECT ONE:

- Advanced Eviction Defense
- Identifying and Pursuing Litigation
- Health Care Access for Seniors
- Issues Affecting Low-Income Children/ Youth



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HOTEL INFORMATION:

While attendees are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements, LAAC has negotiated a discounted price (\$79/night) with the Mission Valley Resort. Make sure you reference the "LAAC Family Law Conference" to access this rate.

The Mission Valley Resort is a 10 minute drive from the airport.

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