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Juvenile Panel Trainings 2009

Residential Placements for DC Children

Date: September 23, 2009
Time: 12:30p.m. To 2:00p.m.
Location: Room 3300, DC Superior Court

Jennifer Lav, Staff Attorney, University Legal Services, will discuss the new report from the University Legal Services – Protection & Advocacy, “Out of State Out of Mind: the Hidden Lives of D.C. Youth in Residential Treatment Centers,” addressing the hundreds of youth that the District sends to long-term residential treatment centers. According to the report: “...the District of Columbia pays for approximately 300 to 550 children who have been diagnosed with a mental illness to attend institutions called Residential Treatment Centers (“RTCs”), congregate institutions that tend to be far from the District, expensive, abusive, and most importantly, generally ineffective. Recently, the District published a report stating that 515 individuals under age 22 were in 96 different RTCs. Approximately 35% of these youth were more than 300 miles from the District of Columbia. The District of Columbia has the second highest percentage of students age 6 to 21 in residential facilities. The only state with a higher percentage of students in RTCs is South Dakota.”

This session is recommended for CCAN, Delinquency, and Special Education Attorneys. CLE credit is available for all three Family Court panels.

No registration is required

Please contact Stephanie Harrison (SHarrison@pdsdc.org) for more information.