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Juvenile Panel Trainings 2010

Keeping Children in the Community: Cross Disciplinary Legal Strategies

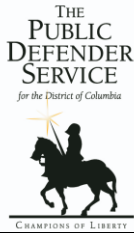
July 13th, 2010

Handouts that were provided at the event

1. DC Code § 7-1231.04. Conditions of mental health service delivery
 - a. [DC Code 7-1231.04. Conditions of mental health service delivery](#)
2. Community based resources
 - a. [Bruns-3.5 \(evidence-base\)](#)
 - b. [CBI Brochure](#)
 - c. [CBI Provider Contact List](#)
 - d. [DC Choices Brochure](#)
 - e. [Referral for DC Wraparound- 09](#)
 - f. [RTC- Not a Solution for Children with Mental Health Needs](#)
 - g. [Blank Child and Family Team Referral Form](#)
 - h. [SOC Brief - Stroul](#)
3. D.C. Behavioral Health Association PowerPoint
 - a. [Medicaid MH Services](#)
4. Out of State Out of Mind Report and Related Articles
 - a. [Florida Institute](#)
 - b. [Kidspeace](#)
 - c. [Riverside](#)
 - d. [RTC no Benefit Study](#)
 - e. [Out of State Out of Mind Final](#)
5. Youth Voices documents
 - a. [Cafety General Brochure](#)
 - b. [Cafety Pamphlet- HR 911 - front backfinal](#)
 - c. [Wraparound Brochure PRINT 4-27-09](#)
6. Memo How to Advocate for Specialty Care
 - a. [Memo - How to Advocate for Specialty Care 2-2010.pdf](#)

Overview

The Georgetown Juvenile Justice Clinic, in collaboration with the Public Defender Service, University Legal Services, the Children's Law Center, The Washington College of Law at American University, the David A Clarke School of Law, and the CCAN Office of Superior Court, hosted this one-day conference which provided instruction on litigation strategies to obtain



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therapeutic services for children and youth. The speakers presented research on the effectiveness of residential placements, best practices in community based services, and an in depth look at intensive therapeutic services available to youth and their families. Experts in mental health law, child welfare law, and special education law discussed legal entitlements including an overview of constitutional, state, and local law; and provide a unique cross training workshop that will give practitioners advocacy tools and litigation strategies to ensure that youth have access to community-based alternatives to residential treatment.

The workshop included training on monitoring out-of-home placements and strategies for litigating effective to home based services. Attorneys who attended the conference were offered the opportunity to partner with University Legal Services to litigate cutting edge issues focused on keeping children out of residential placements. Registration is required and open to all Family Court panel attorneys.

Agenda for the event

9:00am – 10:45am:

The Use and Overuse of Residential Placements

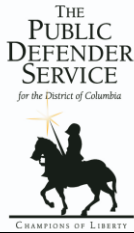
Wallace J. Mlyniec, Lupo-Ricci Professor of Clinical Legal Studies; Director, Juvenile Justice Clinic, Georgetown University Law Center.

Professor Mlyniec will provide a national and historic perspective. He'll discuss the recent McArthur study on residential placements, the preliminary findings that extensive stays in institutional placements have no measurable results for youth convicted of serious offenses, and the recent report of University Legal Services, Out of State, Out of Mind, which examines D.C. practices in sending youth committed to CFSA and DYRS to residential treatment.

A Treatment Center You Can't Leave is Still a Prison - Voices of Young People Who Have Been Through the System

Brian Lombrowski.

Brian Lombrowski, President of the Community Alliance for the Ethical Treatment of Youth (CAFETY) and the Youth Involvement Specialist for the New York State Office of Mental Health, has been involved in the mental health service system as a youth recipient, family member, youth advocate, and professional for the last 16 years. He will speak about the importance of youth participation, voice, and involvement and the rights of youth within the social service system, including private "therapeutic" programs.



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11:00am – 1pm:

Best Practices in Community-Based Therapeutic Services for Children

Panel: Shannon Hall, Executive Director, D.C. Behavioral Association; Karis Callahan, Clinical Director, Capital Region Children's Center; Laura Townsend, Children's Law Center; Laurie Ellington, MA, LPC, System of Care Practice Manager, Office of Program Policy and Planning, District of Columbia, Department of Mental Health

Moderator: Yael Cannon, Practitioner-in-Residence, Disability Rights Law Clinic, Washington College of Law at American University.

Yael Cannon, a seasoned advocate on behalf of children with mental health needs and Practitioner-in-Residence with the Disability Rights Law Clinic at the Washington College of Law at American University, will moderate a panel that will focus on community-based mental health services and DC care providers available to children and adolescents with the most intensive needs, ways to access those services, and best practices in community-based therapeutic services and service delivery for children.

1:15pm – 1:45pm

Lunch (lunch provided)

Luncheon Speaker: The Honorable John McCabe

2pm– 5pm

Advocacy Workshop

Panel: Jennifer Lav, Managing Attorney, University Legal Services, Yael Cannon, AU, Craig Hickein, Staff Attorney, PDS; Laura Rinaldi, Clinical Instructor with the Juvenile and Special Education Law Clinic, the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law; Laura Townsend, CLC.

An expert panel will lead participants in an interactive lecture and workshop focused on legal entitlements and litigation strategies. The panel will provide participants with strategies in delinquency, neglect, and special education matters, as well as matters dealing with the needs of children with intellectual disabilities and mental health needs.

CLE credit available for Family Court panel attorneys

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