



# YOUTH LAW CENTER 2023 SUMMER CLERK SEMINAR SERIES

June 7th - July 18th, 2023

**This summer seminar series is hosted by the Youth Law Center and open to summer interns, clerks, and staff from California Qualified Legal Service Providers (QLSPs) and Support Centers who are interested in child welfare and juvenile justice topics.**

**Register for individual seminars using the links on pages 2 - 3.**

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## **AT-A-GLANCE SEMINAR SCHEDULE**

**6/7, 12pm - 1:30pm — Civil Legal Aid for Systems-Involved Youth**

**6/14, 11am - 12:30pm — Housing for Systems-Involved Transition-Age Youth**

**6/15, 12pm - 1:30pm — Federal Advocacy Landscape**

**6/20, 12pm - 1:30pm — Behavioral Health Supports for Systems-Involved Youth**

**6/27, 11am - 12:30pm — Pathways to Higher Ed for Systems-Involved Youth**

**7/12, 12pm - 1:30pm — Involving People with Lived Experience in Advocacy**

**7/18, 12pm - 1:30pm — Opportunities in Public Interest Law**

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All seminars are interactive and take place via Zoom; times shown are Pacific.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM PDT**

## **Civil Legal Aid for Systems-Involved Youth**

**Marisa Lopez-Scott, Senior Attorney (YLC)**

Join YLC Senior Attorney Marisa Lopez-Scott to learn more about common civil legal aid issues for systems-involved youth and effective advocacy strategies for access to housing, education, benefits, employment, and government services. We will also discuss how other advocates, such as CA Support Centers, partner with civil legal aid to support young people

[Click here to register.](#)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM PDT**

## **Housing for Systems-Involved Transition-Age Youth**

**Madeleine Wykstra, Project Lead (YLC)**

Housing stability is critical to any young adult's transition to independence, and systems-involved young people have particular entitlements to and face challenges in obtaining housing support and stability. Join Project Lead Madeleine Wykstra to learn more about housing topics specific to systems-involved TAY and strategies available to advocates.

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM PDT**

## **Federal Advocacy Landscape**

**Jenny Pokempner, Senior Policy Director (YLC)**

Join YLC's Senior Policy Director Jenny Pokempner to hear more about current opportunities for federal advocacy on behalf of children and youth involved in systems.

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM PDT**

## **Behavioral Health Supports for Systems-Involved Youth**

**Rachel Murphy, Project Lead & Brian Blalock, Senior Directing Attorney (YLC)**

Join Rachel Murphy and Brian Blalock to learn more about strategies advocates can use to ensure that systems-involved young people have access to critical behavioral health supports so that they can remain in or return to their families and communities.

[Click here to register.](#)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM PDT**

## **Pathways to Higher Education for Systems-Involved Youth**

**Katie Bliss, Senior Advocate & Jasmine Miller, Staff Attorney (YLC)**

YLC's Pathways from Youth Incarceration to Higher Education project has worked for years to improve opportunities for justice system-involved students to attend and succeed in community college and beyond. Join Katie Bliss, Senior Advocate, and Staff Attorney Jasmine Miller to learn more about this advocacy work.

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM PDT**

## **The Importance of Involving People with Lived Experience in Advocacy Work**

**Nicole Holt, Karissa Lemme, Palm Ramirez & Jacqueline Rodriguez (YLC)**

Join four of YLC's staff with lived experience in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems for a panel discussion, facilitated by Executive Director Jennifer Rodriguez, on why it matters to ensure that those most affected by these systems lead our advocacy for systemic change.

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**TUESDAY, JULY 18TH, 12:00PM - 1:30PM PDT**

## **Opportunities in Public Interest Law**

**Jasmine Miller, Staff Attorney & Christopher Middleton, Staff Attorney (YLC)**

Public interest law is an expanding field, and there are a variety of paths toward a career in public interest advocacy. Join two of YLC's attorneys who have experience with post-graduate fellowships and judicial clerkships to learn about post-graduate options, including discussion of the nonprofit landscape from legal aid to civil rights and policy advocacy.

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