

You're invited to join YLC's 2024 Summer Seminars


>>> AT-A-GLANCE SEMINAR SCHEDULE <<<

June 5th - July 15th, 2024

About YLC's Summer Seminars

Presented by Youth Law Center attorneys and advocates, this series covers a broad range of topics in child welfare, juvenile justice, and public interest law and is open to summer interns, clerks, and staff from California Qualified Legal Service Providers (QLSPs) and Support Centers. All are welcome to register and participate!

For more information, please contact Lauren Brady, Managing Director, at lbrady@ylc.org.



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- 6/5, 10:00-11:30am - Federal Advocacy Landscape
- 6/12, 12:30-2:00pm - Behavioral Health Supports for Systems-Involved Youth
- 6/13, 12:00-1:30pm - Housing for Systems-Involved Youth
- 6/17, 12:00-1:30pm - Voting Rights for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System
- 6/18, 11:30-1:00pm - Kinship Care
- 6/25, 12:00-1:30pm - The Advocates' Toolbox: Litigation, Legislation, Finance, and Systems Reform
- 7/2, 12:00-1:30pm - Opportunities in Public Interest
- 7/9, 12:00-1:30pm - Pathways to Higher Education for Systems-Involved Youth
- 7/11, 12:00-1:30pm - Civil Legal Aid for Systems-Involved Youth
- 7/15, 12:00-1:00pm - Advancing Justice Through Legislation

2024 SUMMER SEMINAR SERIES

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 10:00-11:30AM

Federal Advocacy Landscape

Jenny Pokempner, Senior Policy Director (YLC)

Please join us to learn about how federal child welfare law and policy impact our state and local systems. We will also explore current opportunities for federal advocacy.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH, 12:30-2:00PM

Behavioral Health Supports for Systems-Involved Youth

Rachel Murphy, Senior Attorney (YLC)

Join Rachel Murphy to learn more about legal entitlements to critical behavioral health supports for systems-involved young people, and strategies advocates can use to ensure access to services so that system-involved young people can remain in or return to their families and communities.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH, 12:00-1:30PM

Housing for Systems-Involved Youth

Madeleine Wykstra, California Registered Legal Aid Attorney (YLC); Christopher Middleton, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Sponsored by Baker McKenzie & Salesforce, Inc.

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 Madeleine Wykstra and Christopher Middleton to learn more about housing topics specific to systems-involved TAY and strategies available to advocates.

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MONDAY, JUNE 17TH, 12:00-1:30PM**Voting Rights for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System****Tamar Alexanian, Staff Attorney (YLC)**

The 2024 election is fast approaching, and many transition-aged youth are eligible to register (or pre-register) to vote. This presentation will review voting eligibility in California, describe the barriers that young potential voters face (especially those who are in juvenile facilities), and consider potential solutions to these issues. We will also examine the issues that YLC uncovered through Public Records Act (PRA) requests to all counties in California that house juvenile justice involved youth regarding their existing voting rights policies.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH, 11:30AM-1:00PM**Kinship Care****Emily Satifka, Project Lead (YLC)**

The Kinship Care Seminar will discuss YLC's support for legal aid offices representing children and caregivers who are involved with kinship care placements. We will go over the various pathways to kinship care, and the unique challenges faced by both caregivers and children in these arrangements.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH, 12:00-1:30PM**The Advocates' Toolbox: Litigation, Legislation, Finance, and Systems Reform****Brian Blalock, Senior Directing Attorney (YLC)**

This session looks at different tools available to advocates to bring about systems change. Using real world examples, we will investigate the pros, cons, and consequences of using different tools for specific situations. We will discuss using public sector financing to empower youth and families, narrative to bring equity to kin and families, preventive litigation to stop harm, constructive litigation to rebuild systems, and more in the areas of youth homelessness, foster care, and juvenile justice reform. Special attention will be given to collaborating and partnering with young people on systems reform work regardless of the chosen tools.

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TUESDAY, JULY 2ND, 12:00-1:30PM**Opportunities in Public Interest****Christopher Middleton, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Sponsored by Baker McKenzie & Salesforce, Inc.; Jasmine Miller, 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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TUESDAY, JULY 9TH, 12:00-1:30PM**Pathways to Higher Education for Systems-Involved Youth****Katie Bliss, Directing Advocate (YLC); MJ Hart, Pathways to Higher Education Coordinator (YLC); Student Leaders from YLC's Student Leadership Cohort**

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, Directing Advocate, and MJ Hart, Pathways to Higher Education Coordinator, to learn more about this advocacy work.

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THURSDAY, JULY 11TH, 12:00-1:30PM**Civil Legal Aid for Systems-Involved Youth/TAY****Marisa Lopez-Scott, Senior Attorney (YLC)**

Join YLC Senior Attorney Marisa Lopez-Scott to learn more about common civil legal aid issues for youth impacted by the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The presentation will cover best practices for working with TAY and effective advocacy strategies to ensure youth have access to housing, education, benefits, healthcare services, and more.

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MONDAY, JULY 15TH, 12:00-1:00PM

Advancing Justice Through Legislation

Chantel Johnson-Crockrom, YLC Consultant

Join Chantel Johnson-Crockrom, YLC Consultant, for a one-hour Lunch and Learn presentation that will cover how to use legislative advocacy as a tool for systems change, including “how a bill becomes a law” as well as important historical budgetary and legislative trends. Also included is a crash course in legislative advocacy, how you can use your unique experiences to advocate on behalf of the populations you serve, and how to effectively partner with directly impacted people.

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