

Children's Law Project Conference

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Registration

The **Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York** provides effective, free civil legal services and education to and advocacy for people with low income or other barriers to accessing the legal system. We secure basic needs, protect and preserve legal rights, provide equal access to justice and seek fairness and dignity for our clients.

The **Children's Law Project** is dedicated to providing legal services to ensure that low income children experience the success that every child needs and deserves.

Our free, high quality civil legal services help children in school, in preparing for college and in the home. We help children get the educational supports and programming they need to flourish, tailored to their specific disabilities or situation. We ensure children are treated fairly, even when they make a mistake. And we help children and their parents get the income and health care they need to make their home life more stable.

For more information, or to make a donation, visit us on the web at:

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The Children's Law Project Conference

This conference is appropriate for attorneys, social workers, teachers, service coordinators, parents and advocates, who work with and advocate for children and youth.

**Thursday,
November 13, 2008**

Italian American Community Center

257 Washington Avenue Extension,
Albany, NY 12205

8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.*

*Because space is limited, participants must commit to attend the entire event. Luncheon is included.

Free: This conference is free to all registrants.

Registration: Please register with Judy Swierczewski, Esq. at the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY via **email** to jswierczewski@lasnny.org, or **fax or mail** the completed form.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early!

For more information please call (518) 462-6765 or (800) 462-2922.

Presentations:

Positive Approaches to Behavior Support

A discussion of the philosophy and principles underlying the State and Federal government push for Functional Behavioral Assessments (FBA) and Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP) in dealing with school behavior problems.

Presenters:

Michael Grau, Psy.D., Director of Wildwood's Clinical and Consultation Services

Julie Michaels Keegan, Esq., Law Office of Julie Michaels Keegan

Peer Network

A discussion of the programs of positive social supports and coaching implemented recently in several area high schools to match children who have autism spectrum diagnoses with typical peers.

Presenter:

Gina Cosgrove, Psy.D., founding partner of Campbell House Associates

Could Cultural Competence Help Resolve CSE Disputes

A look at using the "Five Habits of Cultural Competence" to explore the public school district culture and our own cultures in order to more readily resolve CSE disputes.

Presenters:

Bridgit Burke, Esq., Professor of the Civil Rights and Disabilities Law Clinic at Albany Law School

Leslie Vollar, Director of AIS and Elementary Special Education at Averill Park Central School District

OMH, OMRDD, and Dual Diagnosis: What Every Parent Should Know

How to get the help your child needs when she has a dual diagnosis (developmental and psychiatric) and every system of care says your child doesn't qualify for services.

Presenters:

Jennifer Monthie, Disability Advocates, Inc.

Steve Oill, Parsons Child & Family Center