

# LEGAL COUNCIL FOR HEALTH JUSTICE

## TRAINING GUIDE 2016

AIDS Legal Council  
Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children  
Homeless Outreach Project

*Our multilingual staff facilitates a variety of trainings that educate individuals and their families, service providers, and the general public about the rights of those whom we serve. These trainings are FREE. We are happy to create one on any topic you like.*

### AIDS LEGAL COUNCIL

#### **Advanced Issues in Medicare and Medicaid:**

An in-depth training on Medicare and Medicaid.

**Confidentiality and Disclosure:** Know who can and cannot disclose someone's HIV status, and how Illinois law protects the privacy of individuals with HIV.

**Discrimination:** Outlines the rights of people with HIV in Illinois and explains what discrimination looks like in the office, health care treatment, insurance coverage, and other areas of society.

**Dual / Triple Diagnosis:** Assisting people with multiple impairments, such as physical, mental and substance abuse, with accessing benefits.

**Estate Planning:** Learn the definitions and the differences among a will, a power of attorney, and a living will. Discover what information you need to provide in order to ensure that your wishes are followed when you pass away or become incapable of expressing your wishes.

**Health Care Reform:** Explains how health care reform specifically impacts people with HIV.

**HIV Law 101:** An overview of HIV law, including the basics about confidentiality, criminal transmission, employment insurance, and estate planning.

**Immigration:** Explains the legal requirements for people with HIV to become permanent U.S. residents and what HIV laws affect the immigration process.

**Insurance:** Learn about employment-based and individual health and life insurance issues for people with HIV, pre-existing conditions, COBRA rights, filling out insurance forms at work, etc.

**Mental Health:** A tutorial for providers and/or consumers on issues impacting those with HIV/AIDS and mental illness, including confidentiality, obtaining public benefits, criminal transmission, and other relevant matters.

**Permanency Planning:** Focuses on options parents have in planning for the future care

of their children, including: what happens if a parent is sick or in the hospital for some period of time, becomes unable to care for the children, or passes away.

**Public Benefits:** A review of ADAP/CHIC, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, COBRA, and all other public benefit measures.

**Return to Work:** A lesson in what happens to public benefits after returning to work, and what an HIV-positive person's rights are in the workplace, including confidentiality and accommodations.

**Same-sex marriage:** Focuses on how the same-sex marriage law, which entered into effect in Illinois on June 1, 2014, can affect people supported by Medicaid, food stamps, and other public benefits.

**Youth Issues:** A review of school law in Illinois, including who at school must know about a child or young adult's HIV status and the rights minors have to STI testing and treatment.

### CHICAGO MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

**Early Intervention:** Learn how to help families access Early Intervention services for children with developmental delays and disabilities from birth to age 3 and how to ensure effective transition at age 3 to early childhood special education programs.

**Immigrants and access to public benefits:** Learn which categories of immigrants are eligible for various state and federal benefits, including health insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

**Special Education:** A review of special education law, including the basics about

effectively representing a child at a school meeting and in an administrative proceeding.

**Youth in Transition:** An overview of legal issues affecting emerging adults, including adult guardianship, access to health insurance, special education laws, and SSI eligibility.

### HOMELESS OUTREACH PROJECT

**Social Security Claims Evaluation:** Learn how Social Security evaluates claims based upon disability for persons who have co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

**SSI/SSDI Application and Disability Determination Process:** Learn how to utilize a trauma informed approach to effectively assist persons who are homeless to secure federal disability benefits.



Please contact Paul Neumann at [paul@legalcouncil.org](mailto:paul@legalcouncil.org) or call 312-427-8990 to schedule your free trainings.

We use the power of the law to secure health, dignity, and stability for people with HIV, individuals facing homelessness, and children with disabilities.