

Our multilingual staff facilitates a variety of trainings that educate individuals and their families, service providers, and the general public about the rights of people living with disabilities and chronic illnesses. These trainings are **FREE**. We are happy to create other trainings that are more specific to your needs.

## Social Security

**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 use a trauma-informed approach to effectively assist persons who are homeless to secure federal disability benefits.

**Children and SSI eligibility:** Training residents, teachers, parents, and social workers on SSI application and the disability determination process, including eligibility and how to complete helpful paperwork for SSA as a child goes through the process.

## Children and Youth Issues

**Youth Rights: Living with HIV or STIs:** 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 STI/STD testing and treatment.

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

**Special Education:** A review of special education law, including effectively representing a child at a school meeting and in an administrative proceeding.

**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.

## Family

**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 communicating on behalf of yourself.

**Permanency Planning:** This training explores the 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.

**Return to Work:** Learn what happens to public benefits after returning to work. This training can also include a lesson on the workplace rights of people living with HIV, including confidentiality and accommodations.

## Immigration

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

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

## HIV

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

**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.

**Health Care Reform and HIV:** 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.

## Benefits

**Advanced Issues in Medicare and Medicaid:** An in-depth training on Medicare and Medicaid.

**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 living with a mental illness, including confidentiality, obtaining public benefits, and other relevant matters.

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

## Trauma

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

**Trauma-Informed Advocacy: Practical Tools for Working with Survivors of Trauma:** This session provides background on the burgeoning field of trauma-informed practices, the science that informs it, and practical tools for applying it to a legal aid practice, both client-facing services and methods for preventing advocate burnout.