

Public Benefits Trainings – Free Brown Bag* Lunch Series for Case Managers, Client Advocates, and Lawyers

- ❖ Eligibility, benefits, application procedures, and practitioner’s tips for non-lawyers and lawyers.
- ❖ Build your knowledge and skills to help clients navigate the complex system.
- ❖ Tough economic times require all of us to know more about these critical programs.

LOCATION OF ALL TRAININGS: DC Bar Conference Center at 1101 K Street NW, 1st Floor
(Metro: Convention Center, McPherson Square, Metro Center)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Register by e-mail to Jeremy Strauss at jstrauss@legalaiddc.org

** Lunch is not provided – please feel free to bring your lunch with you!*

Tuesday, September 14, 2010 – Noon – 2 pm

DISABILITY BENEFITS: Social Security Disability benefits (SSDI / SSI) & IDA

The Social Security Administration (SSA) administers two disability programs: Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The transitional income program for SSI applicants is DC’s Interim Disability Assistance (IDA) program, which currently has a waiting list. Join **Scott McNeilly (Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless)**, **Erin Loubier (Whitman-Walker Clinic)**, and **Jennifer Mezey (Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia)** to learn about eligibility, benefits, and application tips.

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 – Noon – 2 pm

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE: Medicaid / Medicare / DC Healthcare Alliance / QMB / Prescription Assistance

Join **Erin Loubier (Whitman-Walker Clinic)** and **Jennifer Mezey (Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia)** for an overview of eligibility and benefits for public health insurance, including an update on how DC is implementing federal healthcare reform.

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 – Noon – 2 pm

TANF and GAC: Cash assistance for poor families

As times are tougher, the stress on families increases. Join **Jennifer Mezey (Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia)** to learn about the essential safety net programs of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance for Children (GAC) as well as how to spot and fight TANF sanctions.

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 – Noon – 2 pm

MEDICARE: Medicare Parts A, B, C, & D & QMB

To prepare for Medicare Part D’s annual open season, join **Jennifer Mezey (Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia)** and **Erin Loubier (Whitman-Walker Clinic)** for an overview of Medicare eligibility and benefits and how to help clients choose the right Medicare Part D prescription drug plan for 2011. We will discuss the importance of an annual drug plan “check up” for all who get their prescriptions through Part D. Also, we will discuss options to lower Medicare beneficiaries’ out-of-pocket costs through the QMB program.

Wednesday, December 8, 2010 – Noon – 2 pm

FOOD ASSISTANCE: SNAP / Food Stamps, WIC, and other food resources

In this tough economy, the need for food assistance is increasing. Join **Alexandra Ashbrook (DC Hunger Solutions)** to learn about SNAP / Food Stamps and other nutrition programs to assist low income DC residents.

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 – Noon – 2 pm

IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS

Eligibility for public benefits for non-citizens is complicated. **Su Sie Ju (Bread for the City)** will provide an overview of immigrant eligibility for public benefits.