

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

Are your clients going without medical care because they can't afford it? Are they getting turned down by Social Security? Are they being sanctioned by TANF? Are they not getting enough Food Stamps?

These tough economic times require all of us to know about these critical programs. Come learn how to help your clients get and keep the benefits they need.

All sessions will be held at the **Martin Luther King Library located at 901 G St. NW**. Registration / RSVP required to Lucia Rich at [lrich@legalaiddc.org](mailto:lrich@legalaiddc.org).

*Wednesday, September 23, 2009 – Noon – 2 pm*

### **ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:**

**Medicaid / Medicare / DC Healthcare Alliance / QMB / Prescription Assistance**

Accessing health care through public benefits requires understanding eligibility and coverage options. Join **Erin Loubier (Whitman-Walker Clinic)** and **Jennifer Mezey (Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia)** for an overview of eligibility and benefits and filling the gaps.

*Wednesday, October 14, 2009 – Noon – 2 pm*

### **DISABILITY BENEFITS:**

**Social Security Disability Benefits (SSI / SSDI) & 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 these programs.

*Wednesday, October 28, 2009 – Noon – 2 pm*

### **INCOME AND FOOD ASSISTANCE and IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY TANF & Food Stamps & Immigrant Eligibility**

As times are tougher, the need for public programs providing income and food assistance is critical. Join **Jennifer Mezey (Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia)** to learn about Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and **Alexandra Ashbrook (DC Hunger Solutions)** to learn about Food Stamps and other nutrition programs to assist low income DC residents. 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.

*Wednesday, November 18, 2009 – Noon – 2 pm*

### **MEDICARE:**

**Medicare Parts A, B, C, & D & QMB**

The alphabet soup of Medicare can be daunting. It is important for anyone who gets their prescriptions through Medicare to do a new "check up" every year. In preparation for Medicare Part D's annual open season through the end of the year, 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 best help clients choose the right Medicare Part D prescription drug plan for 2010. Also, learn how to lower Medicare beneficiaries' out-of-pocket costs through the QMB program.