

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 support programs.

LOCATION OF ALL TRAININGS: DC Bar Conference Center at 1101 K Street NW, Washington, DC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Register online through the DC Bar Pro Bono Program at http://www.dcbar.org/for_lawyers/pro_bono/training/index.cfm.

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

Special thanks to the DC Bar Pro Bono Program for hosting!

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – Noon – 2 pm

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

Join **Erin Loubier (Whitman-Walker Health)** and **Jennifer Mezey and Andrew Patterson (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 2, 2012 – Noon – 2 pm

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

To prepare for Medicare Part D's annual open season (October 15 – December 7, 2012), join **Erin Loubier (Whitman-Walker Health)** and **Jennifer Mezey (Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia)** for an overview of Medicare eligibility and benefits and how to help clients choose the right Medicare Part D prescription drug plan for 2012. It is critical for all Medicare beneficiaries to get an annual drug plan "check up" as well as to ensure they are enrolled in the QMB and Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) programs to lower costs.

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 – Noon – 2 pm

TANF: Cash assistance for poor families

With steep benefits reductions coming this October for families who have received Temporary Assistance to Needy Families' (TANF) for more than five years, join **Lucy Newton and Westra Miller (Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia)** to learn about eligibility, benefits, the new vendor contracts, 60-month time limit, and sanctions for this critical safety net program.

Tuesday, October 30, 2012 – Noon – 2 pm

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

Join **Erin Loubier (Whitman-Walker Health)**, **Scott McNeilly (Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless)** and **Lucy Newton (Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia)** to learn about the Social Security Administration's (SSA) two disability programs: Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), including eligibility, benefits, and application tips and information on the transitional benefit of IDA.

Friday, November 16, 2012 – Noon – 2 pm

FOOD ASSISTANCE: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps), WIC, and other food resources

In this tough economy, the need for food assistance continues to be high. Join **Alexandra Ashbrook and Jessica Luna (DC Hunger Solutions)** to learn about Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps) and other nutrition programs to assist low income DC residents.

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 – Noon – 2 pm

IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS

Eligibility for public benefits for non-citizens is complicated. **Su Sie Ju** and **Allison Miles-Lee (Bread for the City)** will provide an introductory overview of immigrant eligibility for DC and federal public benefit programs. **Anna Priddy (Whitman-Walker Health)**, an experienced immigration attorney, will provide an overview of common immigration statuses for DC area residents and the public charge ground of inadmissibility.

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 – Noon – 2 pm

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Unemployment Insurance (UI) is a critical wage-replacement benefit for workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own. Join **Heather Wydra (Whitman-Walker Health)**, **Drake Hagner (Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia)**, and **Tonya Love (AFL-CIO Claimant Advocacy Program)** (*trainers subject to change*) for an overview of eligibility and benefits under DC's unemployment insurance system as well as how unemployment interacts with other public benefits, such as TANF, Food Stamps, Medicaid, and SSI/SSDI.