

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

(Metro: Convention Center, McPherson Square, Metro Center)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Register by e-mail to Jeremy Strauss at jstrauss@legalaiddc.org with your name, organization, e-mail, and the session you want to attend.

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

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

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 – Noon – 2 pm

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

Join **Scott McNeilly (Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless)** and **Erin Loubier (Whitman-Walker Health)** 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.

Tuesday, October 4, 2011 – Noon – 2 pm

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

Join **Erin Loubier (Whitman-Walker Health)** 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.

Thursday, October 27, 2011 – 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, 2011), 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, November 9, 2011 – Noon – 2 pm

TANF: Cash assistance for poor families

With new policies affecting Temporary Assistance to Needy Families' (TANF) benefits, join **Jennifer Mezey** and **Lucy Newton (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.

Friday, December 2, 2011 – 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 14, 2011 – 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 overview of immigrant eligibility for 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.