

A FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

LAW & DISABILITY CONFERENCE

MAY 5, 2021 • 9:30 AM – 1 PM

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation's **Law and Disability Conference** is a **half-day program** that is **open to the public** and examines important issues related to the disabled community and their caregivers. The **FREE** conference is cosponsored with the Community Health Law Project.

This year the event will pivot to an online format due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Closed captioning is available. **To register, please visit our website (njsbf.org).**

Here's How the Day Will Go

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Introduction & Opening Session

Harold B. Garwin, Esq.,
President/Executive Director,
Community Health Law Project

11:30 to 11:45 a.m.

BREAK

11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

NOTE: The workshops will run concurrently in three different rooms.

See 2nd page of flyer for workshop descriptions.

OPENING SESSION

The Supportive Housing Landscape

Supportive Housing is the cornerstone of a stable healthy life for many people with special needs. Whether you are a veteran, struggle with mental health or addiction recovery, are living with an intellectual or developmental disability or are a family dealing with trauma and challenges, a home with the right mix of services is key to independence. Hear from a panel of experts in the field on the state of supportive housing in NJ. Learn what opportunities exist today, new innovative options on the horizon and the trends known but not yet planned that would increase the opportunities for creating homes that help people thrive.

MODERATOR

Diane Riley, Executive Director, Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey

PANEL

Speaker to be Announced, NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency

Michael Cassidy, P.E., P.P., Director of Planning and Real Estate, NJ Community Development Corporation

Kevin Martone, LSW, Executive Director, The Technical Assistance Collaborative, Boston, MA

Kenneth M. Morris, Jr., MHA, MA, Vice President of External Affairs, St. Joseph's Health

Janel Winter, Director, Division of Housing & Community Resources, NJ Department of Community Affairs

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Workshop 1 Special Needs Trusts and Able Accounts

Proper financial planning for an individual with special needs ensures lifelong care and continued eligibility for government benefits. Special Needs Trusts and ABLE accounts are two such important financial planning mechanisms which will be discussed at this workshop.

MODERATOR

Erika Kerber, Esq., Associate Executive Director, Community Health Law Project

PANEL

Dianna Maurone, Administrator, NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services (DDS)

Gary Mazart, Esq., Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP

Workshop 2 MEDICAID – Eligibility and Other Issues

This workshop will discuss the criteria to become eligible for various Medicaid programs, the notice requirements before a person can be terminated from Medicaid, and the appeal process if a denial or termination occurs. Medicaid eligibility for DDD services will also be discussed. Relevant case examples will be included.

MODERATOR

Amayra Lugo, Supervising Advocate, Community Health Law Project

PANEL

Gwen Orlowski, Esq., Executive Director, Disability Rights New Jersey

Beverly Roberts, Director, Mainstreaming Medical Care Program, The Arc of New Jersey

Joshua M. Spielberg, Esq., Chief Counsel, Health Care Access Project, Legal Services of New Jersey

Workshop 3 – Transition Process and Planning for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Transitioning from the Children’s System of Care to the Adult System of Care

This workshop will provide an overview of the protocols and planning that should be done for an individual with intellectual/development disabilities receiving services from the NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF) and transitioning to obtain services from the NJ Division of Development Disabilities (DDD).

MODERATOR

Daniel Farrell, Supervising Advocate, Community Health Law Project

PANEL

Patricia Bernabe, Constituent Relations and DD/ID Support, Children’s System of Care, NJ Department of Children and Families

Lisa Ford, Director, The Arc of NJ Family Institute

Nkechi Okoli, MSW, LSW, Senior Coordinator, Transition to 21 & Employment, NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities

Clarence Whittaker, Assistant Director, Children’s System of Care, NJ Department of Children and Families



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