



You are invited to attend:

Strengthening the Link between Child Support and Employment Assistance: Model Programs and the DC Landscape

This event will bring together local and national experts to discuss enhancing employment assistance for parents in the D.C. child support system. Join representatives from the DC government; DC Superior Court; DC legal service, policy, and community organizations; and local work force development providers to discuss common goals and opportunities for building on existing resources to strengthen employment services for parents.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012
12:00p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law
3600 John McCormack Rd • Washington, DC

Panel 1: Model Programs:

Moderator:

Stacy Brustin; Associate Professor and Supervising Attorney at The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, Columbus Community Legal Services.

Panelists:

The Honorable Kristen Ruth, District Court Judge, Wake County, Raleigh, North Carolina, has been instrumental in implementing alternatives to incarceration and promoting employment resources, electronic house arrest, and mediation in child support cases in North Carolina.

The Honorable Ellen White, Presiding Judge, Campbell Juvenile and Domestic Relations District, Rustberg, Virginia, currently presides over one of seven courts in Virginia serving as pilot courts for the Intensive Case Monitoring Program, which uses a problem solving approach to child support enforcement.

Elaine Sorensen, Senior Fellow with Urban Institute's Income and Benefits Policy Center, recently evaluated New York's Strengthening Families through Stronger Fathers Initiative, New York State's pilot employment program for noncustodial parents.

Noelita L. Lugo, MSSW, Father & NCP Involvement, Program Supervisor, Office of the Texas Attorney General Child Support Division, Family Initiatives, directs programs for fathers and noncustodial parents that strengthen their financial and emotional contributions to children including Texas' Noncustodial Parent Choices - a child support-led employment program.

Roy Chambers, Director of Building and Field Operations for the Office of Administrative and Domestic Relations Division of the Philadelphia Courts, administers the Philadelphia Family Court's Networking for Jobs Program which helps unemployed non-custodial parents find and keep full-time employment.

Panel 2: DC Landscape:

Moderator:

Judy Berman, Deputy Director of DC Applesseed, directs DC Applesseed's Child Support, Special Education, Working Poor Families and Children's Health projects.

Panelists:

The Honorable Milton Lee, Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court, spearheaded the development of and presides over DC's Fathering Court which offers job training, counseling, employment services, and judicial access to recently incarcerated parents who are delinquent in child support payments.

Cory Chandler, Deputy Attorney General for the DC Office of the Attorney General's Family Services Division.

Alison Gerber, Executive Director of the DC Workforce Development Council, a group of public and private organizations empowered to advise the Mayor and District government on developing, implementing, and continuously improving the District's Workforce Investment system; enhancing and developing accountability and performance systems; developing and encouraging private sector participation; and encouraging public input and support.

Meridel Bulle-Vu, Staff Attorney at the Legal Aid Society of DC, represents the Child Support Community Legal Services Project, a court based legal services program operated by Bread for the City and The Legal Aid Society of DC, which provides same day and ongoing representation to low income individuals who need assistance with child support matters.

George Garrow, Jr., Executive Director of Concerned Black Men - National Organization, an organization that seeks to provide DC youth with wisdom and understanding on how to become positive, successful, and contributing adults through services to children and parents.

Breakout Groups:

With an aim towards collaboration, problem solving, and forward momentum, participants will identify gaps in employment services, educate others on the services and resources available through their organizations, and discuss next steps for strengthening the link between child support and employment assistance.

Date and Time

Friday, June 15, 2012
Registration 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Program 12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
(lunch provided)

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