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 federal and national experts to discuss enhancing employment outcomes for parents in the D.C. child support system. Attendees will gain insights into successful strategies for strengthening the link between child support and employment assistance through collaboration, problem solving, and forward momentum.

**Panel 1: Model Programs**

**Moderator:** Stacy Brustin, Associate Professor and Supervising Attorney, The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law

**Panelists:**
- The Honorable Kristen Ruth, District Court Judge, Wake County, North Carolina, has been instrumental in implementing alternatives to incarceration and promoting employment services, strengthening families, and mediating in child support cases.
- The Honorable Ellen White, Presiding Judge, Grays Hill Division of the Administrative and Domestic Relations Division, Richmond, Virginia, currently oversees 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, Executive Director of the DC Neighborhood Legal Services Program, spearheaded the development of and presides over DC's Fathering Court which addresses emotional contributions to children including Texas' Noncustodial Parent Choices - a child support-led employment program.

**Panel 2: DC Landscape**

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

**Panelists:**
- The Honorable Millon Lee, Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court, has spearheaded the development of and provides core DC's Fathering Court which offers job training, counseling, employment services, and judicial access to recently incarcerated parents, who are then enrolled in DC's child support program.

**Breakout Groups**
- A panel of public and private organizations representing the District of Columbia on developing and implementing strategies to strengthen the link between child support and employment will discuss common goals and opportunities for building on existing resources to strengthen employment outcomes for parents.

**Fees:**
- June 15, 2012 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** J. Johnston Room – 1100 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC

**RSVP:** Stacy Brustin, stacibrustin@law.edu

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- The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia

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- Northeast Neighborhood Legal Services Program
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