



justice AmeriCorps Year II National Training
November 30 – December 4, 2015
National Conference Center

Track I: For new jAC members
Track II: For continuing jAC members

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015

1:30-2:00 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

*Presenters: Linda Cook, Corporation for National & Community Service
Steve Lang, Executive Office for Immigration Review*

- Introduction to justice AmeriCorps:
 - Overview of program requirements with reference to policy FAQs

2:00-3:30 UACs IN THE UNITED STATES

*Presenters: Shanti Martin Brown, Ayuda
Elizabeth Rieser-Murphy, The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights*

- The flow of children through the immigration system and processing of children's cases, including the agencies and organizations involved: CBP, ORR (the reunification process), EOIR (issuance of the NTA), state and family courts (SIJS and CPS issues), ICE (Chief Counsel and ERO); repatriation
- Other contact with legal aid programs (Know Your Rights presentations provided in the shelters through the ORR-funded UCP, EOIR-funded LOPC, ORR-funded Child Advocates; other legal service providers)
- ORR's Pilot Project (1-800# and being able to refer children back to the shelters)

3:30-3:45 BREAK

3:45-5:00 TRACK I: IMMIGRATION LAW OVERVIEW 101

*Presenter: Michelle Mendez, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)
Elizabeth Keyes, University of Baltimore*

- Basics of Immigration Law
 - General structure, including relevant agencies, administrative law and sources of law and interplay between INA, CFR, BIA, and Circuit decisions
- Definitions in US Immigration Law
 - USC v. alien, immigrant and non-immigrant, lawful permanent residence
 - Types of legal status

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015

9:00-11:00 TRACK I: PROTECTION BASED FORMS OF RELIEF: RELIEF IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

*Presenters: Lisa Koop, National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)
Elizabeth Sanchez-Kennedy, Catholic Legal Services Archdiocese of Miami, Inc.*

- Asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture
- T/U Visas, VAWA

TRACK II: ADVANCED TOPICS IN ASYLUM

*Presenters: Kelsey D. Bundy, Arlington Asylum Office
Ashley Huebner, National Immigrant Justice Center
Morgan Weibel, Tahirih Justice Center-Baltimore*
Moderator: Qudsiya Naqui, Equal Justice Works

- Gang-based asylum: gang-recruitment, and girls resisting gang possession; children's domestic violence claims; Families avoiding death threats; recent trends in the asylum office, and next steps after asylum office

11:00-11:10 BREAK

11:10-12:10 AMERICORPS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Presenters: AmeriCorps Program Officers

12:15-1:30 LUNCH

1:30-2:30 TRACK I: SIJS 101

*Presenters: Elizabeth Badger, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)
Michelle Mendez, CLINIC*

- The legal regime governing SIJS
- State Court role

TRACK II: UPDATES ON SIJS

*Presenters: Elizabeth Sanchez-Kennedy, Catholic Legal Services Archdiocese of Miami, Inc.
Elaine Kelley, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Family Immigration & Victim
Protection Division*
Moderator: Toni Machowsky, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)

- Recent challenges to the law
- Responding to RFEs (especially inappropriate RFEs)

2:30-2:40 BREAK

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00-10:00 PRO BONO BEST PRACTICES

Presenters: *Stephanie Lubert, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society PA*
Desiree Hernandez, Safe Passage Project
Lindsay Miles-Hare, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center

- Pro Se Workshops for children who do not meet eligibility requirements
- Bifurcated pro-bono model
 - Working with pro-bono attorneys who are doing the family court piece of SIJS while still providing direct representation on the immigration piece
 - Working with pro bono attorneys when the child is pursuing multiple forms of relief
 - Recruiting pro bono attorneys

10:00-10:15 BREAK

10:15-11:15 CROSS-CULTURAL LAWYERING

Presenters: *Aryah Somers, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)*
Jennifer Jaimes, Kids in Need of Defense–Baltimore

- Working with clients from different background, perspectives, and experiences
- Cultural understanding of the dynamics of the legal system and courts of law
- How to bridge cultural gaps

11:15-11:30 BREAK

11:30-12:30 BEST PRACTICES IN OUTREACH

Presenters: *Ashley Walker, Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES)*
Rita Niccolini, Catholic Charities–Dallas
Atenas Burola, Legal Services of Southern Piedmont
Moderator: *Desiree Hernandez, Safe Passage Project*

- Identifying program-eligible clients
- Differentiating AWCs as well as those with prior removal orders

12:30-1:45 LUNCH

1:45-3:30 TRACK I: IMMIGRATION ETHICS (with a 10-minute break at 2:30)

Presenters: *Cristina Ritchie Cooper, American Bar Association*
Karen Grisez, Fried Frank Harris Shiver

- General considerations – supervising non-attorney staff including paralegals, interns, volunteers; credibility of witnesses and evidence
- Special considerations for working with children and youth – mandatory reporting of abuse requirements, which may differ depending on type of program staff

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00-10:00 SELF-CARE AND AVOIDING BURNOUT

*Presenters: Meredith Linsky, American Bar Association
Aryah Somers, KIND*

10:00-10:15 BREAK

10:15-11:45 PRACTICE, PROCEDURE, AND ADVOCACY SKILLS

*Presenters: Luisa LeBron, Safe Passage Project
Charity Ramsey, KIND–Seattle*
Moderator: Toni Machowsky, MIRA

- Best practices in litigation and oral advocacy in court
- Using the Immigration Court Practice Manual

11:45-1:00 LUNCH

1:00-2:00 THE VERA CASPIO DATABASE

Presenters: Andrew Powell, Laura Simich, and Tammy Cho

2:00-2:10 BREAK

2:10-3:10 HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CLIENT

*Presenters: Lisa Koop, NIJC
Eileen Blessinger, Blessinger Legal*

- Preparing for an Asylum Office Interview
- Direct examination in state court
- Preparing and examining witnesses in Immigration Court
- Evidence in Immigration Court
- Working with experts, psychologists/psychiatrists; especially if the case is referred back to Immigration Court

3:10-3:30 BREAK

3:30-4:30 RESEARCH FOR BRIEFS

*Presenters: Charity Ramsey, KIND–Seattle
Alissa Cooley, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Katelyn Franklin, University of Nevada Las Vegas*
Moderator: Qudsiya Naqui, Equal Justice Works

- Legal and non-legal briefs, since much of an asylum application will be supporting evidence
- Using free resources

