

# ***LAWYERS FOR CHILDREN AMERICA***

## ***Core Training***

***Wednesday, February 12, 2020***

Registration is open for a core training session to be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the law offices of Wiggin and Dana, LLP, located at One Century Tower, 265 Church Street., New Haven, CT 06510.

LFCA is a nonprofit organization designed to address the issues of child abuse and neglect in Connecticut. LFCA draws upon the training, talent, and compassion of private sector attorneys to volunteer their time to serve, pro bono, as advocates for abused and neglected children and youth in Connecticut.

Cases filed in the juvenile court by the Department of Children and Families are assigned to LFCA by the Office of the Chief Public Defender. The LFCA Program Director reviews the petition and other documents received from the Chief Public Defender's Office, develops an initial case approach, assigns the matter to a suitable, trained LFCA pro bono attorney, and guides and instructs that LFCA attorney throughout the life of the case. All children and youth involved in the cases assigned to LFCA are at-risk, suffering from physical, emotional, medical, or other abuse or neglect.

LFCA conducts periodic training sessions throughout Connecticut to introduce private sector attorneys to the process of juvenile court representation particular to the role as attorney for the minor child (AMC). Matters in the juvenile court are confidential and closed to the public. This training is intended to help attorneys feel less overwhelmed by juvenile law and procedure by describing common situations and providing guidance through unique issues like identifying and advocating for a child client's goals and priorities.

The training will start promptly at 9 am so please arrive early. Lunch will be provided.

The training will last roughly 5 to 6 hours and is eligible for up to 6 hours of CLE credits. Contact Debra Cohen at (860) 273.0654 or [cohend@aetna.com](mailto:cohend@aetna.com) to register or with any questions.

We look forward to working with you.