

# Basic Public Benefits Advocacy Trainings



MCLE and the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI) are collaborating to make annual basic public benefits advocacy training more accessible to the many public and private sector individuals and lawyers who assist Massachusetts residents in qualifying for and receiving public benefits.

## 1 Assisting Families Experiencing Homelessness to Access and Retain Emergency Assistance

Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
9:30 am–2:30 pm; 4 Credits  
**Program No. 2180060P01**

**Faculty:** Kelly B. Turley, MSW, *Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, Lynn*; Elizabeth Alfred, Esq., *Community Legal Aid, Worcester*

Training materials include the most recent edition of the Emergency Assistance Advocacy Guide: *A Guide to Emergency Shelter and Rehousing Services for Homeless Families with Children in Massachusetts*; relevant DHCD policy notices; and statewide listings for DHCD offices, non-EA-funded community rooms, legal services offices, etc.

## 2 SSI & SSDI Basics

Wednesday, November 29, 2017  
9:30 am–4:00 pm; 5 Credits  
**Program No. 2180039P01**

**Faculty:** Linda L. Landry, Esq., *Disability Law Center, Inc., Boston*; Svetlana Uimenkova, Esq., *Disability Law Center, Inc., Boston*

## 3 New Developments in TAFDC, Massachusetts' Cash Assistance Program for Families

Thursday, December 14, 2017  
9:30 am–4:00 pm; 5 Credits  
**Program No. 2180137P01**

**Faculty:** Deborah Harris, Esq., *MLRI, Boston*; Sarah Levy, Esq., *Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS), Boston*; Naomi Meyer, Esq., *GBLS, Boston*; Lisa Bradley, Paralegal, *GBLS, Boston*; Lizbeth Ginsburg, Esq., *GBLS, Boston*; Melanie Malherbe, Esq., *GBLS, Boston*

## 4 State & Federal Veterans Benefits

Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
9:30 am–2:00 pm; 4 Credits  
**Program No. 2180138P01**

**Faculty:** Anna Schleelelin Richardson, Esq., *Co-Director, Veterans Legal Services, Boston*; Steven Connor, *Director, Central Hampshire Veterans Services, Amherst*; Dan Nagin, Esq., *Clinical Professor and Vice Dean of Experiential and Clinical Education, Veterans Legal Clinic, Legal Services Center at Harvard Law School, Cambridge*; Dana Montalto, Esq. and Betsy Gwin, Esq., *Legal Services Center and Veterans Clinic at Harvard Law School, Cambridge*

## 5 SNAP/Food Stamps 101 Advocacy

Thursday, January 25, 2018  
9:30 am–12:15 pm; 2.5 Credits  
**Program No. 2180134P01**

**Faculty:** Patricia J. Baker, *MLRI, Boston*; Vicky Negus, *MLRI, Boston*; and others TBA

Training materials include the *2018 Food Stamp/SNAP Advocacy Guide: An Advocate's Guide to the Food Stamp/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Massachusetts*.

## 6 Tenants' Rights in Massachusetts

Tuesday, February 6, 2018  
9:30 am–3:30 pm; 4.5 Credits  
**Program No. 2180278P01**

**Faculty:** Jennifer Bosco, Esq., *Staff Attorney, National Consumer Law Center Inc (NCLC), Boston*; Julia E. Devanthery, Esq., *Attorney and Clinical Instructor, Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School, Jamaica Plain*; Annette R. Duke, Esq., *Staff Attorney & Director of Housing Publications, MLRI, Boston*; Maureen E. McDonagh, Esq., *Managing Attorney Director, Housing Law Clinic, Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School, Jamaica Plain*; Lauren Song, Esq., *GBLS, Boston*; Patricia Whiting, Esq., *Senior Clinical Instructor, Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, Cambridge*

## 7 Health Care Access Programs

Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
9:30 am–4:00 pm; 5 Credits  
**Program No. 2180135P01**

**Faculty:** Neil F. Cronin, *MLRI, Boston*; Suzanne Curry, *Health Care for All, Boston*; Hannah Frigand, *Health Care for All, Boston*; Nancy Lorenz, Esq., *GBLS, Boston*; Victoria Pulos, Esq., *MLRI, Boston*

## 8 Income Maximization for the Working Poor (Families and Individuals)

Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
9:15 am–1:15 pm; 3.75 Credits  
**Program No. 2180042P01**

**Faculty:** Ellen J. Shachter, Esq., *Cambridge & Somerville Legal Services, Cambridge*; Laura R. Gallant, Esq., *Northeast Justice Center, Lynn*

## 9 Immigrants & Public Benefits

Tuesday, March 8, 2018  
9:30 am–4:00 pm; 5 Credits  
**Program No. 2180136P01**

**Faculty:** Patricia J. Baker; Emily Leung, Esq.; Iris Gomez, Esq.; Judith Liben, Esq.; Victoria Pulos, Esq.; Teresita Ramos, Esq.; all of *MLRI, Boston*

## 10 CORI: Basics of the Law for Community Providers & Legal Aid Advocates

Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
9:30 am–12:15 pm; 2.5 Credits  
**Program No. 2180132P01**

**Faculty:** Pauline Quirion, Esq., *GBLS, Boston*; Steve Russo, Esq., *Director of The Eastern Region Legal Intake (ERLI) Volunteer Lawyers Project, Boston*; Agapi Koulouris, Esq., *Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS)*; James Mac McCreight, Esq., *GBLS, Boston*

## 11 Unemployment Insurance: Helping Out-of-Work Clients Navigate the Unemployment System

Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
1:00 pm–4:30 pm; 3.25 Credits  
**Program No. 2180043P01**

**Faculty:** Margaret E. Monsell, Esq., *MLRI, Boston* and others TBA

This training is co-sponsored by MLRI, GBLS, the Volunteer Lawyers Project, and the Labor and Employment Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

## 12 Elder Benefits Programs

Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
9:30 am–4:00 pm; 5 Credits  
**Program No. 2180133P01**

**Faculty:** Neil Cronin, *MLRI, Boston*; Donna McCormick, Esq., *GBLS, Boston*; Rachel Brown, Esq., *Community Legal Aid, Worcester*; Jan Stiefel, Esq., *Community Legal Aid, Northampton*; Svetlana Uimenkova, Esq., *Disability Law Center, Inc., Boston*

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