



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

May 8, 2023

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program, which is designed by “ACE Interface”, explains how traumatic experiences in the lives of children impact their health and behavior. The presenters will discuss how childhood trauma, referred to as “adverse experiences” affects the nervous system and contributes to a lifetime of emotional and physical health problems. They will review a study confirming the scientific explanations for these consequences and describe core protective systems that can mitigate this public health problem.

Eligibility

This program is only open to Deputy and Assistant Attorneys General in the DCF practice group and DCF agency attorneys invited to attend.

Faculty

Lauren F. Carlton, Esq. is a consultant with CASA of N.J., Inc. She was formerly an Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Division of Law’s Department of Children and Families Practice Group, where she supervised and provided professional development for the group’s deputies. She has tried hundreds of child abuse/neglect and termination of parental rights cases, argued dozens of Appellate Division cases and appeared several times in the N.J. Supreme Court, including *DYFS v. A.W.* which resulted in the four-prong termination of parental rights standard. She also served as counsel in federal court in the lawsuit by Children’s Rights, Inc. against the state’s child welfare system. As an AAG and DAG, Lauren, represented the New Jersey agencies which served to protect children and families. Lauren was an adjunct professor at Montclair State University, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in its Child Advocacy Institute. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa with honors from Binghamton University with a B.A. in English Literature and earned a J.D. at Duke University Law School.

Chanel Dupree is the Director of Training and Recruitment for CASA of Union County, Inc. Prior to that position, she provided leadership to a passionate and diverse team committed to providing support to those with a substance use disorder and the people who are in their lives. In partnership with the community, she created, coordinated, and implemented peer recovery support services, including services provided at area hospitals, the Bergen County Jail, with all levels of law enforcement and in the community. Ms. Dupree has also worked as a caseworker with the Department of Child Protection and Permanency, served as a family advocate and educator with the Family Support Organization, as a facilitator with RWJ Barnabas Institute for Prevention and Recovery, and with The Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources/Children's Aid and Family Services. She holds a BA in Psychology from Thomas Edison State University and is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.8 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

Registration

Those who are eligible to apply should use the Zoom Webinar registration link in the Program Announcement email. Students who are registered will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the program.

Students must download Zoom before the webinar in order for the AGAI to record polling responses that are required for attendance verification and CLE credit.

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to students who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar.

ORIGINAL Chanel Dupree is a graduate of Thomas Edison State University. She has spent more than 15 years working with vulnerable children and families. In addition to having been a CASA Volunteer in both Essex and Bergen counties, she worked as a caseworker with the Department of Child Protection and Permanency. She is a certified drug and alcohol counselor, served as a family advocate and educator with the Family Support Organization, a facilitator with RWJ Barnabas Institute for Prevention and Recovery, and with The Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources/Children's Aid and Family Services. Chanel's grant-funded work with the Central Jersey Family Consortium as a Perinatal Opioid Project Consultant included training and presenting on Opioid Use Disorder among pregnant women. These opportunities to be part of the prevention, treatment and recovery process affirming her belief the best way to see change is to be change through advocacy and support.

INTERNET Chanel Dupree is the Director of Recovery Support Services for the Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources, a program of Children's Aid and Family Services. With more than 15 years of experience working with vulnerable children and families, Chanel provides leadership to a passionate and diverse team who are committed to providing support to those with a substance use disorder and the people who are in their lives. In partnership with the community, she creates, coordinates, and implements all peer recovery support services provided by the agency, including services provided at area hospitals, the Bergen County Jail, with all levels of law enforcement and in the community. Chanel holds a BA in Psychology from Thomas Edison State University and is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor.