



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Children's System of Care

April 7, 2025

9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
Judiciary Conference Center Classroom A
Fourth Floor, West Wing
25 Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This program will provide an overview the Children's System of Care (CSOC) and core service lines. It will also cover Care Management Organization Services, the out-of-home treatment process, and the status of behavioral health care and legal challenges to such care at the state and national level.

Eligibility

This program is only open to Deputy and Assistant Attorneys General in the Division of Law's DCF practice group.

Faculty

Melinda Carnassale is the Deputy Director of Operations with CSOC. Previously, she spent fifteen years with Division of Child Protection & Permanency (DCPP) in various positions and titles. Prior to joining DCF, Ms. Carnassale's background includes management of both, juvenile group homes and secure, treatment, out of home setting. She holds a BA in Psychology from Arcadia University and a master's degree in public policy and administration from Rutgers University.

Diana Salvador is a NJ Licensed Clinical Psychologist and a Certified School Psychologist. She is the Vice President of Quality and Evaluation at a community based mental health agency. Previously, she served as the Director of Child & Adolescent Services at Rutgers. She joined the state five years ago as the first Clinical Director and provides oversight for three units including the Multi-Disciplinary Clinical team, Office of Residential Services and the Office of Engagement and Service Excellence. Ms. Salvador is charged with embedding best practices within the system while navigating the current behavioral health care crisis. She earned her B.A. in Psychology and Masters in Applied Psychology from Boston University. She earned her doctorate in psychology from Rutgers.

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 1.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

PA CLE Credit: 1.0 credits (\$1.50 mandatory registration fee required).

Registration

Attorneys who are eligible to attend this program should fill out the registration form accessed through the registration email hyperlink.