

## Their Day in Court:

Ensuring Adequate Representation for Children and Parents in Child Protective Services Cases



*Casey Family Services, Connecticut Voices for Children, and Senate President Pro Tempore Donald Williams invite you to attend a forum on legal representation of children, youth, and parents involved in Connecticut's child protective services system.*



**Time:** 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

**Date:** Monday, November 20, 2006

**Location:** Old Judiciary Room, Connecticut State Capitol  
Hartford, Connecticut

Lunch is available by 11:15 A.M.  
Program will begin promptly at 11:30 A.M.

RSVP by Wednesday, November 11, 2006  
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## An Educational Opportunity for Policymakers, Attorneys, and Advocates

Connecticut recently changed how it appoints attorneys for children and parents in child protective services proceedings. A new Commission on Child Protection is charged with improving the quality of legal representation in these most important of all cases—those in which the safety and well-being of children and the integrity of families lie in the balance. High quality legal representation can help assure that these children get the help they need, families get the support necessary to avert foster placements whenever possible, and children who must be removed from their families can achieve permanence in their lives as quickly as possible.

Join us as we hear Mark Hardin of the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law and other experts discuss “best practice” models of representation that are being used in other states. Join our panel of attorneys, judges, legislators, parents, and youth in discussing how Connecticut’s current system can be enhanced to ensure the high quality legal representation these most at-risk children and families need and deserve.

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