

YOUTH LAW WORKSHOPS

Attorneys and law students are available to provide free legal workshops on a range of youth law issues to community groups, schools and other organizations that work with youth in Alameda County. None of our workshops constitute legal advice on individual cases, nor can we provide legal advice on individual cases. The goal of these workshops is to provide general information and basic non-case-specific advice.

If you are interested in hosting a workshop, please contact us at (510) 548-4040.

Juvenile Records 101: What It Means to Have a Juvenile Record & What You Can Do About It

(for youth and/or adults, 60 mins.)

This workshop focuses on the impact of having a juvenile court record. In addition to explaining the basic law, this workshop also corrects common myths about juvenile records, provides tips on applying for jobs with a record, the options to seal juvenile records and where to get help. This workshop is interactive and is a combination of short lectures and low-key role plays.

AdYOUcate: Tips on Advocating for Yourself in Juvenile Court

(for youth, 60 mins.)

This workshop is geared towards youth on probation, with a focus on how they can have more ownership over, and knowledge of, their court cases. This workshop is very interactive and focuses on issues such as speaking in court, what to wear, how to work as a team with defense lawyers, collecting letters of support and tips for electronic monitoring and complying with other terms of probation. The goal of this workshop is to empower youth with information about how they can best advocate for themselves in juvenile court.

Juvenile Justice 101: Demystifying Juvenile Court & Tips for Supporting Youth on Probation

(for adults, 75 mins.)

This workshop provides a brief overview of the juvenile court process, with a focus on common

terms and the often overlooked collateral consequences of juvenile court, including juvenile court debt, electronic monitoring and the impact of having a juvenile record. This workshop is a combination of short lectures, hypotheticals and low-key role plays about how case managers, youth advocates and other adults can help support youth in juvenile court, including helping youth prepare for court dates, questions to ask public defenders and probation officers, tips on what to focus on in letters or oral statements to the court, and where to get additional help with legal questions.

Special Education Rights 101: Getting Students the Resources They Need

(for adults, 75 mins.)

This workshop covers the special education referral and assessment process; a student's special education rights; the responsibilities of the school and district to provide students with certain resources and accommodations; and how to advocate to help young people get what they need in their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

School Discipline 101: The Expulsion Process & Advocating for a Student Going Through It

(for adults and/or youth, 75 mins.)

This workshop gives an overview of school discipline, with a focus on school expulsions. It will cover the basic process and timeline of an expulsion case; the school and district's obligations throughout the process; and opportunities and ways to advocate for a student being disciplined at school, particularly students who are facing expulsion.