

Putting the New *Child, Youth and Family Services Act* Into Practice

Child and Youth Law



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Monday, March 05, 2018 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Twenty Toronto Street Conferences and Events
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chairs: **Marv Bernstein**, Barrister & Solicitor
Sarah Clarke, Clarke Child & Family Law



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On June 1, 2017, Ontario passed the new *Child, Youth and Family Services Act*, aimed at strengthening the child welfare system. With the first provisions scheduled to come into force on January 1, 2018, and subsequent sections anticipated in the Spring, it is essential that you are up-to-speed on this important new Act. Gather valuable insights on how to navigate the new legislation, what the changes mean for your practice, and helpful strategies on how you can maximize the utility of the new legislation to improve the child welfare system and outcomes for your clients.

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:10am **How We Got Here: Exploring the Impetus for Change**
Sarah Caldwell, Director, Strategic Policy and Aboriginal Relationships, Ministry of Children and Youth Services

9:30am **Your Roadmap to the New Act**
Kenneth Atkinson, Legal Counsel, Children's Aid Society of Toronto
Caterina Tempesta, Office of the Children's Lawyer

10:10am Questions and Answers

10:15am Networking Break

10:30am **Unraveling the Revised "Best Interests" Test**
Tammy Law, Barrister & Solicitor
Kristina Reitmeier, Director & Chief Counsel, Legal Services, Children's Aid Society of Toronto

11:10am **What Are the Implications and Challenges of the Increase to the Age of Protection?**
Shuah Roskies, Counsel, Office of the Children's Lawyer
Patric Senson, Senson Law

11:55am Questions and Answers

12:00pm Networking Lunch

12:45pm **Important Changes for Indigenous Children and Youth**
Eliza Montour, Montour Law
Leslie Shoefly, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation

1:25pm **What's New in Openness and Adoption?**
Marcelle Story, Barrister & Solicitor
Maryellen Symons, Symons Law

2:05pm Questions and Answers

2:15pm Networking Break

2:30pm **What are the Rights of Children in Care and When Receiving Services?**
Sarah Clarke, Clarke Child & Family Law
Jane Stewart, Justice for Children and Youth

3:10pm **How to Effectively Use the Preamble to Advocate Differently**
Mary Birdsell, Justice for Children and Youth
Lisa LaBorde, Barrister & Solicitor

3:50pm Questions, Answers and Concluding Remarks

4:00pm Program Concludes

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