



HIV/AIDS and the Law

What you need to know about fighting discrimination, obtaining benefits and protecting your decisions.

A free seminar for persons living with HIV/AIDS, their attorneys, healthcare providers, family members, partners and friends.

Saturday, May 8, 2010 • 10:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Montrose Counseling Center • 401 Branard St., Houston, Texas 77006

CLE Credit Available, 3.75 MCLE hours, incl. 0.5 Ethics hours.

CEU Credit Available, 5.0 hours, incl. 0.5 Ethics hours. (SW, LPC and LCDC)

- 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Protections for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS under State and Federal Law**
Do you fear losing your job? Do you feel like employers treat you differently if they find out you are living with HIV/AIDS? How is your confidential information protected?
Speaker: Mitchell Katine, Katine and Nechman, LLP
- 10:45 - 11:00 a.m. BREAK**
- 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Powers of Attorney, Designation of Guardians and Other Legal Protections for Persons with Chronic Illness**
How you can make sure your wishes are followed if you become unable to speak for yourself?
Speakers: Raymundo Estrada and Mark Guetzow, Agreeable Outcomes LLC & Hegwood & Associates
- 11:45 - Noon BREAK**
- Noon - 12:45 p.m. Immigration and Criminal Law Issues for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (Complimentary Lunch Provided)**
What rights do you have when dealing with criminal justice and immigration issues?
Speaker: John Nechman, Katine and Nechman, LLP
- 12:45 - 1:00 p.m. BREAK**
- 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Things to Know When Applying for Social Security Disability Benefits for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS**
What can you do to speed up your application or improve chances to receive Social Security disability benefits?
Speaker: Blenda Ruiz, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program
- 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. BREAK**
- 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Legal Guarantees to Effective Communication for Persons who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing**
Do you have trouble getting sign language interpreters for health care services at government agencies or places of public accomodation?
Speaker: Sean Jackson, Advocacy, Inc.

Please RSVP to the Montrose Counseling Center at 713-529-0037, ext. 0 or the AIDS Outreach Committee at eb_roberts@sbcglobal.net. Complimentary lunch will be provided. Please let us know if you have any questions or special accomodation requests.

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Sign Language interpreters will be available under a grant from SIGN UP FUND.