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Present the

**National Conference on
Homeless Youth and the Law**

**June 19 – 20, 2008
Seattle, Washington**

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Conference Schedule

Thursday, June 19, 2008

8:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration	Hallway, Gates Hall, University of Washington School of Law
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Continental Breakfast	Outside of Room 115, Gates Hall

Opening Plenary

8:45 am – 10:00 am		Room 138, Gates Hall
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Welcoming Remarks

Casey Trupin, Chair, ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty
Victoria Wagner, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Network for Youth
Susan Weiss, Director, Child Welfare Policy, Casey Family Programs

Presenters

Ruvyn Munden, Seattle, Washington
Kathleen Boutin, Founder and Director, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, Las Vegas, Nevada
The Honorable Bobbe J. Bridge, Chair, National Conference on Homeless Youth and the Law & Founder and President, Center for Children and Youth Justice, Seattle, Washington

10:00 am – 10:15 am	Refreshment Break	Outside of Room 115, Gates Hall
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Legal Topic Breakout Sessions - Topic Nos. 1, 7, and 8

10:15 am – 12:00 pm

Participants have been pre-assigned topic areas, and are requested to adhere to assignments made for reasons of equitable distribution of participants across topic areas. Please consult the topic assignment sheet in your conference packet to direct you to the appropriate topic breakout session for this and subsequent breakout sessions.

Topic 1:	Legal Issues for Homeless Youth Service Providers	Room 119, Gates Hall
Topic 7:	Family Law	Room 117, Gates Hall
Topic 8:	Youth Access to Custodial Systems	Room 127, Gates Hall

Lunch Plenary

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Room 138, Gates Hall

Overview of National Policy

Bill Treanor, Executive Director and Publisher, Youth Today, Washington, District of Columbia

Curtis Porter, Acting Associate Commissioner, Family and Youth Services Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, District of Columbia.

Patricia Arthur, Senior Attorney, National Center for Youth Law, Oakland, California

Legal Topic Breakout Sessions - Topic Nos. 2, 5, and 9

1:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Topic 2:	Status Offenses and Juvenile Offenses	Room 119, Gates Hall
Topic 5:	Housing	Room 117, Gates Hall
Topic 9:	Discharge from Custodial Systems	Room 127, Gates Hall

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Refreshment Break

Outside of Room 115, Gates Hall

Legal Topic Breakout Sessions - Nos. 3, 4, 6, and 10

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Topic 3:	Education	Room 119, Gates Hall
Topic 4:	Health Care	Room 117, Gates Hall
Topic 6:	Income Support and Legal Assistance	Room 127, Gates Hall
Topic 10:	Homeless Immigrant Youth and the Law	Room 118, Gates Hall

Cocktail Reception

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Cocktail Reception

Café Level, Burke Museum

Greetings

William H. Neukom, President, American Bar Association

Robert Mecum, Chairman, National Network for Youth Board of Directors

Friday, June 20, 2008

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Outside of Room 115, Gates Hall

Legal Topic Breakout Sessions - Topic Nos. 1, 7, and 8

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Topic 1:	Legal Issues for Homeless Youth Service Providers	Room 119, Gates Hall
Topic 7:	Family Law	Room 117, Gates Hall
Topic 8:	Youth Access to Custodial Systems	Room 127, Gates Hall

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Refreshment Break

Outside of Room 115, Gates Hall

Legal Topic Breakout Sessions - Topic Nos. 2, 5, and 9

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Topic 2:	Status Offenses and Juvenile Offenses	Room 119, Gates Hall
Topic 5:	Housing	Room 117, Gates Hall
Topic 9:	Discharge from Custodial Systems	Room 127, Gates Hall

Lunch and Discussion Groups

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

Room 138, Gates Hall

Participants attending as members of a state or territorial delegation will gather as delegations to begin to plan post-conference action steps in their jurisdiction. Participants who are not attending as members of a state or territorial delegation will gather as a single group to advise ABA and NN4Y on national-level post-conference action steps.

Legal Topic Breakout Sessions - Topic Nos. 3, 4, 6, and 11

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Topic 3:	Education	Room 119, Gates Hall
Topic 4:	Health Care	Room 117, Gates Hall
Topic 6:	Income Support and Legal Assistance	Room 127, Gates Hall
Topic 11:	Homeless LGBTQ Youth and the Law	Room 118, Gates Hall

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Refreshment Break

Outside of Room 115, Gates Hall

Reports and Closing

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

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Room 138, Gates Hall

Facilitator:

The Honorable Bobbe J. Bridge, Chair, National Conference on Homeless Youth and the Law & Founder and President, Center for Children and Youth Justice, Seattle, Washington

Conference Issue Experts will report key recommendations from legal topic breakout sessions. The Conference Chair will provide summative remarks and issue a call to action.

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Topic Area Issue Experts

Topic 1: Legal Issues for Homeless Youth Service Providers

Bruce Henry, Executive Director
Covenant House New York, New York, New York

Margo Hirsch, Executive Director
Empire State Coalition for Youth and Family Services, New York, New York

Topic 2: Status Offenses and Juvenile Offenses

Howard Davidson, Director
American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, Washington, District of Columbia

Mishaela Durán, Vice President of Public Policy
National Network for Youth, Washington, District of Columbia

Jessica Kendall, Assistant Staff Director
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Topic 3: Education

Laurene Heybach, Director
The Law Project of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Chicago, Illinois

Debbie Staub, Manager, K-12 Education
Casey Family Programs, Seattle, Washington

Topic 4: Health Care

Judith Clark, Executive Director
Hawaii Youth Services Network, Honolulu, Hawaii

Abigail English, Executive Director
Center for Adolescent Health and the Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Topic 5: Housing

Paul Freese, Director of Litigation and Advocacy
Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California

Richard Hooks-Wayman, Senior Youth Policy Analyst
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Topic 6: Income Support and Legal Assistance

Jenny Pokempner, Staff Attorney
Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Peter Sabonis, Assistant Director of Advocacy for Health Care and Benefits
Legal Aid Bureau, Baltimore, Maryland

Topic 7: Family Law

Brandy Davis, Policy and Technical Assistance Manager
Break the Cycle, Washington, District of Columbia

Melissa Parent, Attorney
Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center, Denver, Colorado

Topic 8: Youth Access to Custodial Systems

Mary "Dee" Richter, Executive Director
Florida Network of Youth and Family Services, Tallahassee, Florida

Christine Smith, GAL Project Director
The Children's Law Center, Washington, District of Columbia

Topic 9: Discharge from Custodial Systems

Beth Colgan, Managing Attorney, Institutions Project
Columbia Legal Services, Seattle, Washington

Leslie Heimov, Executive Director
Children's Law Center of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California

Peter Pecora, Senior Director, Research Services
Casey Family Programs, Seattle, Washington

George Yeannakis, Special Counsel
TeamChild, Seattle, Washington

Topic 10: Homeless Immigrant Youth and the Law

Juliann Bildhauer, Director
Volunteer Attorneys for Immigrant Justice, Seattle, Washington

Topic 11: Homeless LGBTQ Youth and the Law

Flor Bermúdez, Attorney, Youth In Out of Home Care Project
Lambda Legal, New York, New York

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