



Legal Services of New Jersey Justice Series

Substance Use in the Child Welfare System

Part of the Supporting and Preserving Families Webinar Series

Thursday August 12, 2021

Zoom Webinar

AGENDA

Faculty for All Instructional Segments

- *Jeyanthi Rajaraman, Esq. (Chief Counsel Child Welfare, LSNJ)*
- *Tricia Stephens, LCSW-R, PhD (Assistant Professor at Silberman School of Social Work)*
- *Elizabeth Brico, Freelance Writer and Journalist*
- *Alexandra Travis (Parent Ally, LSNJ Family Representation Project)*

2:00 – 2:15 **Introductions & Announcements (No CLE CREDIT)**

2:15 – 3:30 **Lecture and Panel Discussion:**

The panel will explore how providing supports to parents experiencing substance use disorders can help maintain family units and reduce child welfare removals. Issues around how the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) time requirements negatively affects these efforts due to limited treatment programs and services and the need for parents to have a longer period of time to complete treatment will also be addressed.

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3:50 **Adjourn**

*[75 minutes; total **1.5** NJ CLE credits of which **0** credits will count toward ethics/professionalism requirement]*