



### HIV Legal Trainings Offered by the Legal Action Center

The Legal Action Center offers the following trainings on legal issues for HIV service providers. To request a training, contact our training coordinator, [Vanessa Severino](#), or call at (212) 243-1313.

- **Legal Rights and Risks of Adolescents in the Age of AIDS**: legal rights of adolescents living with, at risk for or affected by HIV. Covers who can make HIV-related health care decisions for minors and who has the right to decide about disclosing health information about minors.
- **Anti-Discrimination Laws Protecting Individuals with HIV/AIDS, Alcohol/Drug Problems and Criminal Records**: gives overview of the laws that prohibit discrimination against individuals with HIV/AIDS, alcohol/drug problems, and criminal records. Covers discrimination in employment & housing – including how to get into Section 8 or public housing even with a criminal record.
- **Significant HIV confidentiality issues in your agency**: What HIV confidentiality issues has your agency confronted in the last year? The trainer will engage in a discussion with staff about difficult confidentiality issues or questions your agency has faced. Prior to the training, you must email the Legal Action Center with a list of topics to address. This training is for staff who has already received a comprehensive HIV confidentiality/HIPAA training. It is NOT an annual confidentiality in-service training.
- **Client advocacy**: How to address clients' complaints that either your agency – or another – has breached their confidentiality? What are clients' options and how can you help them? This training is for staff who has already received a comprehensive HIV confidentiality/HIPAA training. It is NOT an annual in-service training.
- **Rights of HIV-positive people with criminal records**. This training is for clients and/or staff and explains how people can get and “clean up” their rap sheets, how to get certificates of rehabilitation, and how to get a job or get into public housing even with a criminal record.

The Legal Action Center **no longer provides the basic HIV testing and confidentiality training that constitutes many agencies' “annual in-service” or overview for new staff**. The AIDS Institute has instructed all of its grantees to:

- Send new staff in need of an overview of HIV testing and confidentiality laws to one of the regional training centers (see the AIDS Institute training calendar for details: <http://www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/aids/training/index.htm>)
- Conduct their own annual in-service on HIV Confidentiality.

The Legal Action Center conducts periodic “capacity building” trainings to teach administrators of health and social service programs how to conduct an annual in-service training. To receive notification of upcoming trainings, [click here](#). The materials for that training are on our website, [www.lac.org](http://www.lac.org). Click on “training and technical assistance” and then “training materials.” The Legal Action Center can also provide your agency with free advice about how to conduct these trainings. Call (212) 243-1313 and ask for the “attorney on call.”