



FREE LEGAL TRAINING MODULES

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LAW FOR NON-LAWYERS

Legal Aid ACT, the Community Legal Centres, and other organisations are delivering a range of legal training sessions during 2019.

Following, are details about each session that will be delivered during Feb to June. Registration details are listed below. Each session will be held on a Wednesday morning. Each session is at the same time and in the same location.

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am
Location: Legal Aid, 2 Allsop Street, Canberra City
Cost: FREE. Materials and morning tea included
RSVP: Eventbrite [link here](#)

You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. Please let us know your participation needs.

Email community.education@legalaidact.org.au if you have any questions about the training.



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Wednesday 20 Feb - How to Spot a Legal Issue

Legal problems are pervasive and impact on many aspects of people's lives. Unaddressed legal problems can quickly escalate and may cause other problems as well. Early identification and action are key to ensuring legal problems do not get out of control.

This session will cover:

- How to identify the sorts of problems in life that may be capable of a legal solution
- Provide some examples of positive outcomes that can be achieved with legal assistance
- Provide an example of a 'legal health check' which can quickly and easily identify common legal problems
- Outline what makes an effective referral to legal services, including the sort of information it is helpful to include in a referral

This session will be delivered by a lawyer from Street Law, an outreach legal service for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Wednesday 6 March - The Australian Migration System and Visa Issues

The Australian Migration System can be very confusing and difficult to understand. When problems do arise with visas, it can affect every aspect of a person's life in Australia and can leave people very vulnerable. This session is part of ***Law for Non-Lawyers*** series and ***Migration Matters*** series.

This session will cover:

- Basic overview of the Australian Migration System
- Key terminology
- Visas and employment issues
- Visas and family violence
- Visa cancellations focusing on detainees
- Getting legal advice

This session will be delivered by Er-Kai Wang, Associate Lecturer at the ANU College of Law.

Wednesday 27 March - Elder Law

Older people may experience a range of legal problems including Enduring Powers of Attorney, elder abuse and problematic financial arrangements with family members, which can increase their vulnerability. The Older Persons ACT Legal Service, a specialist service within Legal Aid ACT, can provide legal advice and assistance to older people in the ACT.

This session will be delivered jointly by lawyers from the Older Persons ACT Legal Service and the Consumer Law Centre.

Wednesday 10 April - Young People and the Law

There are many legal issues faced by young people. The Youth Law Centre assists hundreds of young people each year deal with assorted legal issues. This session will look at some of the main issues faced by young people and the ways the Youth Law Centre can assist. This session will cover:

- Driving issues
- Employment problems
- Family court orders
- Homelessness
- Mobile Phones
- School Issues
- Basic differences in the Youth Criminal Justice System

This session will be delivered by the Youth Law Centre ACT.



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Wednesday 8 May - Child and Youth Protection Services

Child and Youth Protection Services (CYPS) has a statutory responsibility to support children, young people and families requiring a care or justice response. In doing so, CYPS works to deliver good client outcomes through providing a response that focuses on the following areas, this session will cover these areas and the work of CYPS.

- Diversion
- Protection
- Restoration
- Transition and Permanency
- Trauma Informed Practice

This session will be delivered by Child and Youth Protection Services.

Wednesday 22 May - Employment Law 101

This session is designed to give community and frontline workers an understanding of the Australian employment framework. It will cover:

- Employment relationships
- Applicable laws
- Employment standards
- Unfair Dismissal
- General Protections

This session will be delivered by a lawyer from the Women's Legal Centre.

Wednesday 12 June - Family Law 101

This session will cover the basics of family law and provide an understanding of the *Family Law Act 1975*.

This session will cover:

- Overview of the Family Law System
- Separation and divorce
- Children
- Property

This session will be delivered by a lawyer from the Women's Legal Centre.

Wednesday 26 June - Housing

This session will focus on public housing in the ACT. It will include:

- Overview of the application process
- Eligibility issues including for priority housing
- Debts that may arise as a result of tenant responsible maintenance or rent arrears
- What happens when clients are seeking to transfer to another Housing ACT property
- Issues that commonly lead to Housing ACT making an application to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal for termination of the tenancy

This session will be delivered by a lawyer from Canberra Community Law.

