



*Texas Homeless Network Presents*

# Legal Advocacy to Break the Cycle of Poverty:

*School access, stability, and success for homeless, foster,  
displaced, migrant, and runaway children and youth*

*This Course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by  
the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 2.75 credit hours.*

## Online registration available! Go to [www.thn.org](http://www.thn.org)

### Registration Information:

**Deadline:** Feb. 25, 2008

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**CLE credit (\$50 for attorneys in private practice and \$25 for students & legal aid attorneys):** *(please write clearly)*

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**Training fee: \$50 for attorneys in private practice  
and \$25 for students and legal aid attorneys.**

**Please mail** your registration and payment to:

Texas Homeless Network, 1713 Fortview Rd., Austin, TX 78704

**Or fax registration** to 512.478.9077 Phone 512.687.5104

Online Registration: [www.thn.org/](http://www.thn.org/)

**Which training will you be attending?**

- February 28 - Austin
- February 29 - Houston
- March 3 - Corpus Christi
- March 4 - McAllen
- March 5 - Dallas

# LEGAL ADVOCACY TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY



## CONTENT AND SUBJECT MATTER

This workshop will address the full spectrum of education rights of children and youth who are highly mobile, including those experiencing homelessness, displaced by natural disasters, those in foster care, those whose families are migrant workers, and those who have run away from or been forced out of their homes.

Some of the laws to be discussed confer the right to: enroll in school immediately, without documents; remain in the same school despite residence changed; receive transportation to school; receive special education and related services; participate fully in all school activities; receive supplemental school services; and to be free of discrimination.

## DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS

Thursday, February 28, 1pm - 4pm  
*Austin*

Friday, February 29, 1pm - 4pm  
*Houston*

Monday, March 3, 9:30am - 12:30pm  
*Corpus Christi*

Tuesday, March 4, 9:30am - 12:30pm  
*McAllen*

Wednesday, March 5, 8:30am - 11:30am  
*Dallas*

## PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Explain youth's right to enroll in school.
2. Explain youth's right to remain in school.
3. Explain the rights of homeless students with disabilities to receive special education and related services.
4. Explain how recent changes to the Head Start Act and IDEA Part C can facilitate and increase homeless and foster children's enrollment in Head Start and early intervention programs.
5. Discuss laws that can help ensure highly mobile youth have an opportunity for educational success.
6. Discuss how relevant Texas state laws interact with federal laws, regulations, and policies.
7. Use various advocacy, dispute resolution, and litigation strategies to enforce these federal laws.

## QUALIFICATIONS & NAME OF INSTRUCTOR

Patricia Julianelle is a staff attorney at the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty in Washington, DC. She participates in the American Bar Association's Commission on Homelessness & Poverty and is pro bono counsel for the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. Patricia also works as a program specialist with the National Center for Homeless Education, advising educators, attorneys, and service providers across the country on the rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness.

Patricia is an expert on the education rights of students in homeless situations and has conducted workshops on those rights at national, state and local conferences. Her experience training attorneys includes organizing local coalitions of attorneys in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, and Oregon, as well as presenting at national legal conferences for organizations such as:

American Bar Association, National Association of Counsel for Children, National Legal Aid and Defenders Association, National Disability Rights Network (formerly NAPAS), Council of School Attorneys of the National School Boards Association.

In addition to her public speaking, Patricia has also written articles for the *Children's Legal Rights Journal*, *Journal of Negro Education*, and *Clearinghouse Review* and has co-authored two books. Her advocacy work includes lawsuits on behalf of disadvantaged children and families and legislative advocacy for greater educational rights for homeless students. Patricia graduated from Yale University and received her J.D. *summa cum laude* from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College. She is admitted to practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia. Currently, she is starting *Escalando Futuros*, a nonprofit education organization in Santiago, Chile.