

# Agenda



June 9, 2021  
Live Webinar

## **Immigrant Children in Foster Care**

**Program Producer:** Bruce Buchanan, Sebelist Buchanan Law PLLC

**Total Credits:** 2 General Hours 1 Dual Hour

This CLE will provide both DCS and private attorneys with an overview of the population of immigrant children in Tennessee, including an in-depth look at attorneys' roles in helping children obtain Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) in the state court and immigration agency settings. Speakers will discuss cultural, linguistic, and legal barriers and ethical considerations for working with mixed status families as well as provide nuts-and-bolts guidance on the role of the guardian ad litem, how to draft SIJS-compliant orders, and how to file a petition with the immigration agency.

**1:00 - 2:00pm**

**Dual**

### **Immigrant Kids 101: What you need to know.**

*Emily Stotts, Community Legal Center*

*Caroline Burriss, Mid-South Immigration Advocates*

This session will provide an overview of the specific populations of immigrant children practitioners are likely to encounter when working with foster children in Tennessee. Specifically, this presentation will describe linguistic and cultural considerations, why children may be in the United States without a parent or guardian, various immigration documents children may present, and building trust with immigrant families to obtain complete and correct information.

**2:00 - 3:00pm    Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Juvenile Court Practice**

*Laura English, Chastain English Law  
Chay Sengkounmany, Legal Aid Society  
Brittany Faith, Konvalinka & Harrison, P.C.*

SIJS Juvenile Court Practice will assist practitioners in identifying children in foster care who may be eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status as well as the mechanics of obtaining the juvenile court orders necessary in order for children to petition for SIJS with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

**3:00 - 3:15pm    Break**

**3:15 - 4:15pm    Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Immigration Practice**

*Stacie Hammond, Latino Memphis  
Casey Bryant, Advocates for Immigrant Rights*

SIJS Immigration Practice will discuss the process for applying for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status with USCIS after the appropriate juvenile court order is issued. This includes filing the I-360 SIJS petition, applying for permanent residence (green card) and the intersections of SIJS and removal proceedings (deportation).