



Washington State
Office of
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Defense

ATTORNEY TRAINING: WORKING WITH SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR DEFENSE

Friday, September 20 | 12PM – 1:30PM | [Register Online](#)

Location: Zoom

SUMMARY:

As public defense practice advances, it has become clear that social service providers can enhance attorney advocacy in cases ranging from simple drug charges to complex homicide or sex offenses. Attorneys serve as the leaders of the defense team and bear the responsibility to the court and client for the work done on each of their cases. This training aims to equip attorneys with the knowledge they need to bring social workers onto defense teams in a way that is ethical, effective and sustainable for clients, attorneys and social service providers. It will also provide the tools attorneys need to communicate and manage the defense team. While this presentation focuses on youth defense, the topics will be applicable for any practitioner working alongside social service providers.

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

- **Simmie Baer, JD** has decades of experience as a youth public defender and has been honored by multiple organizations for her work on juvenile justice.
- **Maren Willins, LCSW** is a criminal defense-based forensic social worker and psychotherapist and has been working in the public and private criminal justice field for over 15 years.
- **Molly Hennessey, LICSW** is a mitigation specialist/social worker and has worked on defense based legal teams for the past 10 years.

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