

The One-Day Workshop on Legal Needs for Children's Advocacy Centers

LAW & CACs

Our Standard

The Children's Advocacy Center will have reliable, effective, and competent legal representation to meet all of its legal responsibilities.

COMPLETED

WORKSHOP TRAININGS FOR
PROFESSIONALS
REPRESENTING 245 CACs
IN THE U.S.

WORKSHOP GOAL: A SAFE CAC LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

Your trainer: Since 1998 attorney Andrew Agatston has represented multiple CACs on legal matters, in and out of the courtroom. He has run a national Listserv for CACs since 2008, and written four books for CAC pros.

<u>MORNING SESSION</u> 8:30 A.M TO NOON	WHAT I'VE LEARNED SINCE 1998	DEFINING THE CAC'S LEGAL NEEDS	THE LIST SERV TEACHINGS -- 7 YEARS LATER	HANDS OFF MY DOCUMENTS!
<p>Breakfast/meet/greet: 8 to 8:30</p> <p>First session: 8:30 to 9:30 Second session: 9:40 to 10:45 Third session: 10:55 to 11:45 Fourth session: 11:50 to noon</p> <p>Lunch roundtable (optional)</p>	<p><u>What a CAC Lawyer Knows</u> The CAC legal issues have evolved from simplistic to complex.</p>	<p><u>Inventory approach</u> From bottom to top, defining a CAC's needs in light of laws, standards, and cases</p>	<p><u>100s of cases</u> The Legal Letter List Serv editor's insight after analyzing 7 full years of CSA cases.</p>	<p><u>What to do?</u> From pretrial to trial, from civil to criminal, a toolbox of responses</p>
<u>AFTERNOON SESSION</u> 1 P.M TO 4:30 P.M.	"LEGALLY DEFENSIBLE"	SETTING LEGAL STANDARDS	CREATING YOUR OWN LEGAL "SYSTEM"	SUPERWITNESS
<p>Following lunch roundtable:</p> <p>First session: 1 to 1:45 Second session: 1:55 to 2:30 Third session: 2:40 to 3:30 Fourth session: 3:40 to 4:30</p>	<p><u>Standard #3</u> What are those legal standards that apply to CACs, and how would we know them?</p>	<p><u>CAC Standards</u> Your own CAC can and must set proper in-house legal standards.</p>	<p><u>Cool response</u> Pre-trial, trial, post-trial procedures must be established.</p>	<p><u>Court-ready</u> Life-changing decisions are made in court. CAC witnesses are superior!</p>

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FEEDBACK

The 'Law & CACs' workshop is presented to CAC pros, and those who work with CACs such as CPS, prosecutors, law enforcement, social services and medical. Evaluations have been superior in all areas, including the workshop "lived up to my expectations," "I accomplished the objectives of this workshop," "I will be able to use what I learned in this workshop," and the instructor was "well prepared," "helpful," and "knowledgeable."

"Great workshop!"

"Very informative and helped raise topics, issues and legal areas for us to look into."

"I think it's a great idea for CACs to start looking at their legal policies and procedures."

"Everything was fantastic."

"This workshop was very helpful in providing an understanding of all of the legal issues."

"I would recommend this workshop to increase awareness of legal issues to CACs overall and to specific areas."

"This workshop helped me recognize the importance of the CAC's resources and skills in the successful prosecution of my cases."

Legal representation for all CACs

You are in a profession where it is inevitable that critical decisions affecting children will be made in some legal forum. Professionals who work at Children's Advocacy Centers are expected to work proficiently inside the legal system, during pre-litigation and litigation phases.

Yet, almost universally, CACs and their professionals lack legal counsel to assist them in the myriad legal matters that confront them.

Andrew Agatston has represented CACs since 1998, and currently represents five Centers in Georgia. As a board member on the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia in 2008, he began a List Serv in Georgia, called the "Legal List," to provide weekly legal updates to the dozens of Georgia CACs who ***lacked*** legal counsel. The List Serv has now grown to 900 "Legal Eagle" subscribers in 48 states.

The "Law & CACs" workshop is his new cost-effective initiative designed to assist every CAC in the U.S. so that each CAC can start an ***individualized*** legal system that is reliable, effective, and standard. Multiple CACs within a state may attend, which will reduce the cost to each. The workshop is designed for CAC pros, *and* their MDT.

Objective 1: Identify the scope of the legal issues that affect CACs, both historically and to the present.

Objective 2: Understand the statutes and case law that impact every pro who works inside a CAC.

Objective 3: Identify and define the specific legal needs for your CAC.

Objective 4: Review the 10 NCA standards, and the ***countless*** legal considerations that they trigger.

Objective 5: Set 10 "Legal Standards" for your own CAC.

Objective 6: Create your CAC's own legal system.

Objective 7: Be a SuperWitness!

Making legal
standards
standard!

