Zealous Advocacy During COVID-19: Practical Tips and Best Practices

**Date and Time**
Thursday, April 2, 2020
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(Recording will be made available for on-demand viewing)

In the uncertain times of the COVID-19 pandemic, many aspects of life have dramatically changed – schools, court hearings, social events. What has not changed, however, are the critical and urgent needs of youth involved in the child welfare system. Join advocates from around the country who will share guidance and practical tips to safeguard and advance the rights of youth in the child welfare system during COVID-19 and beyond. Practitioners will walk away with concrete tools to determine what ongoing and unique client needs present themselves during these times and how to maintain, modify, and increase zealous advocacy amid the pandemic.

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**Speakers**

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