

Please join us for a free webinar on **Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 12:30 – 2:00 PM EST**: *Multidisciplinary Legal Representation and its Positive Impact on Reunifications.*

June is National Reunification Month and to mark the end of the 2020 occasion, speakers willhighlight the effectiveness of multidisciplinary legal teams that include lawyers, social work professionals, and advocates who have lived experiences navigating the child welfare system. They will explain **the Children’s Bureau recent decision to invest federal IVE dollars in the multidisciplinary legal representation model for parents and children, share details of the 2019 study on this model and discuss how this model benefits child welfare agencies and most importantly, children and their parents.**

Dependency Advocacy Center in Santa Clara, CA was founded on the belief that comprehensive family defense advocacy requires the support of a multidisciplinary team. Learn how their commitment to this client-centered approach has supported reunification efforts for over a decade and is being adapted to create new prevention strategies for families at risk of system entry.

**The webinar will provide child welfare system stakeholders the evidence and motivation they need to implement multidisciplinary legal representation in their jurisdictions.**

**Panel:**

Commissioner David A. Hansell, Administration for Children’s Services, NYC

Professor Martin Guggenheim, NYU School of Law

Associate Commissioner Jerry Milner, Children’s Bureau

Moderator: Shrounda Selivanoff, Social Service Specialist, Washington State Office of Public Defense

**Dependency Advocacy Center:**

AnnaLisa M. Chung, JD, Chief Executive Officer

Kira Johnson, Social Worker

Araceli Cervantes, Mentor Parent

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