

Social Services Attorneys 2025 Winter Conference
February 20-21, 2025
Online
Live via Zoom

Thursday, February 20 (3.5 CLE)

- 12:30 p.m.** **Welcome and Announcements**
Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government
- 12:45 p.m.** **DHHS Update**
Gail Carelli, Assistant General Counsel for Child Welfare & County Operations, NC DHHS
- 1:45 p.m.** **Break**
- 2:00 p.m.** **Recurring Legal Issues in Adult Services**
Meredith Smith, UNC School of Government
- 3:30 p.m.** **Business Meeting and Break**
- 4:00 p.m.** **Transitioning to Odyssey: [Tech CLE]**
Heather McCorkle, Esq. Guilford County DSS, Panel Moderator
Wanda Medley, Office Administrator, Guilford County DSS
Kristy Tarleton, Systems Analyst III, AOC Business & Process Management
Seth Houk, Systems Analyst II, AOC Business & Process Management
- 5:00** **Adjourn for Day**

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Friday, February 21 (5.5 CLE)

- 8:30** **Ethics and Artificial Intelligence** [Ethics CLE]
Kristi Nickodem, UNC School of Government
- 9:30** **Break**
- 9:45** **Navigating Barriers to Family Unity and Permanency for Immigrant Children**
Shaina Simenas, LMSW, MPH, Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights
Ashley Cruz, Staff Attorney, Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights
Rachel Konrad, Immigration Attorney, Casey Family Programs
- 10:45** **Break**
- 11:00** **Navigating Barriers to Family Unity and Permanency for Immigrant Children Continued**
- 12:00** **Lunch**
- 12:45** **Appellate Procedure**
Mercedes Chut, Esq.
- 1:45** **Break**
- 2:00** **Case Update**
Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government
- 3:30** **Adjourn**

2025 DSS and County Attorneys Summer Conference: July 17-19, Wrightsville Beach