

On April 4, 2009 from 1:00-4:00 p.m., the Community Legal Center and the National Institute of Law and Equity will sponsor a Juvenile Court Clinic. It will be held at Binghampton United Methodist Church, 258 N. Merton Memphis, TN 38112. The public is invited and may choose between the following two presentations.

Attorney Christina Zawisza will present The Dependency/Neglect Side of Juvenile Court. This Clinic will help parents, grandparents and other adults who are caring for children understand the juvenile court process for children who are abandoned, abused, neglected or dependent. If you want to know how to defend yourself if you have been accused of abandoning, abusing, neglecting or other wise harming your child, this Clinic is for you. If you are a relative or non-relative of a child who has been abandoned, abused, neglected or harmed and need to get a legal custody order to care for the child, this Clinic is for you.

The other Clinic will include a history of the Juvenile Court, the overall law of juvenile delinquency in layman's terms. Attorney Veronica Coleman will facilitate and present the overview of the law in TN. Proposed speakers include Carry Woods, a former Juvenile Court Referee, and Nigel Lewis from the public defender's office. They will provide suggested questions that parents should ask; cover the specific procedure for hearings at juvenile court; and provide suggestions for school and/or community resources that parents and youth can access.