

# Legal First Aid Training for the Bay Area Faith Community

## THE NUMBERS

43% of California's children are living in or near poverty.

80% of low-income families experience **one legal issue** each year, and **35%** of these families **face over six**.

86% of the time these families **do not get adequate legal help**.

1 **legal aid lawyer** for every 7,000+ low-income Californians.

Families often turn to their faith communities when life crises occur, and many of these crises contain legal problems. [You can help.](#)

Join **Legal Link** for our first-ever Legal First Aid Training for the Faith Community, where community members can learn the basics on how to identify legal issues and help community members navigate the legal system. Trained providers will receive follow-up support from Legal Link to help with problem solving and navigation.

## FREE LEGAL TRAININGS

Fall 2020

Free training online in two half-day modules

Dates and times can be found at: [bit.ly/FJPTrainings](https://bit.ly/FJPTrainings)

Questions? Email [support@legallink.org](mailto:support@legallink.org)

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## FAQ

### What topics will the training cover?

Our goal is to help you become comfortable at identifying and supporting people facing life issues that may have a legal component. This could include divorce, custody, immigration issues, eviction, debt problems or issues at work.

#### Our training includes the following:

- ▮ How to identify a legal issue
- ▮ What questions to ask to get people to the right help
- ▮ Online tools and resources you can use
- ▮ Deeper dives on key topics such as immigration and housing

### What kind of follow-up support are you providing?

Trained participants can schedule consults with Legal Link attorneys through our online Partner Consult Portal, email us with questions, or join us on regular office hour phone calls. This support is aimed at providing individualized problem solving.

### Who should attend?

Both faith and lay leaders are welcome, and ideally a mix of the two. Particular people who may be a good fit include: those providing pastoral care to low-income community members, attorney congregants who are interested in playing a legal support role (either in their own faith community or another local faith community in need), and leaders of social justice and ally efforts. The training is designed for non-lawyers, but is also appropriate for lawyers seeking cross-training in issues facing low-income populations.

### How many people from each congregation can attend?

Training spots are limited to 5 people per organization/congregation. If we have room, we will open up additional spots closer to the date.

### Who is Legal Link and how do you know this material?

Legal Link is led by longtime Bay Area attorneys who created the Legal First Aid curriculum during their work with leading social service providers in the Bay Area. During our four-year incubation period, we conducted over 3,000 individual consults, built our online referral tool, trained over 400 providers, and became deeply familiar with the issues faced by low-income Bay Area residents. This training has been informed and modified by input from faith leaders in the San Francisco Bay Area.

### Will there be more trainings?

For now, this is a pilot program limited to these 3 trainings. We will gather participants' feedback and evaluate the success of the project to determine next steps.

#### Questions?

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#### More about Legal Link

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