

Housing Navigator Training

Keep San Francisco Clients Housed

Removing legal barriers is a necessary step toward combating poverty, but the legal system is severely under-resourced, siloed, and inherently complex. As a result, low-income individuals and families receive adequate legal help just 8% of the time. Pre-eviction concerns may quickly develop into eviction proceedings, displacement, and risk of homelessness. Through its

Housing Law 101 Training, Legal Link, in partnership with the Justice & Diversity Center's Tenant Advocacy Project, supports community partners to act as navigators for families at risk of experiencing housing insecurity. Learn how to identify key housing legal issues in community-based settings, surface risks for eviction, refer clients to free expert housing attorneys, and keep tenants housed.

What does the Housing Navigator Training cover?

The Housing Navigator Training uses a legal empowerment approach to:

1. Teach basic legal system concepts and an overview of housing legal issues faced by clients.
2. Provide a methodology and tools for navigators to use when confronted with legal housing issues.
3. Offer practice opportunities through interactive housing specific exercises and active engagement with our online tools.
4. Trained navigators will have access to post-training support from Legal Link attorneys.
5. Navigators with clients who are San Francisco residents will be able to directly sign-up clients for free 30-minute legal-consultations with a Justice & Diversity Center attorney on a weekly basis (limited and full scope representation available).

What can Housing Navigators Do?

Housing Navigators will have added knowledge, ability, and confidence to: identify key housing legal issues that clients face, connect clients to relevant legal resources, and referrals, and deliver targeted navigator housing support. We clarify the line between lawyer and non-lawyer work, and encourage participants to embrace the valuable role they can play as community-based navigators.

Program Length + Location

The 2-hour Housing Navigator Trainings are offered virtually via Zoom. Sign-up on Legal Link's website to register and receive meeting details.

Partner organizations interested in hosting an in-person training for their staff are welcome to contact lauren@legallink.org

What is the cost?

This training is open and **free** for staff at all partner organizations serving clients in San Francisco.

If you would like to learn more or schedule a training for your staff, please contact **Legal Link Senior Staff Attorney Lauren Lofton** at lauren@legallink.org. We look forward to working with you!