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Please join us for a free webinar on **Monday, February 22, 2021 at 2:00-3:30 PM EST/1:00-2:30 CT/12:00-1:30 MT/11:00-12:30 PT**: Lightness in the Dark: Success Stories from Interdisciplinary Legal Defense Teams.

Reaching positive outcomes for parents can be difficult in the best of times and the pandemic makes it even harder. Despite challenges, though, parents who have been represented by interdisciplinary legal teams have seen successes this year. We will gather to learn about the role these teams have played in supporting families through their darkest days.

This is the fifth in a year-long webinar series focused on interdisciplinary legal representation for parents in the child welfare system. The recordings for the other conversations can be found here: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/child_law/resources/videos/

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Moderator:

- Teyora Graves, Senior Parent Advocate, Center for Family Representation, NY

Speakers:

- Romina Achcar de Silahian, JD, Committee for Public Counsel Services, MA
- Sarah Cook, JD, MSW, Dependency Advocacy Center, CA
- Alex Dutton, JD, Family Advocacy Unit, Community Legal Services, PA
- April Lee, Peer Parent Advocate, Family Advocacy Unit, Community Legal Services, PA
- Antoinette Manuel, MSW, Dependency Advocacy Center, CA
- Tonia McClanahan, Social Service Worker, Contracted with Office of Public Defense, WA
- Amy Ponte, LICSW, Committee for Public Counsel Services, MA
- Jamison Tessneer, JD, Contracted with Office of Public Defense, WA

- Amber Vincent, JD, East Bay Family Defenders, CA
- Lucia Waterman, Family Advocate, Office of Respondent Parent Counsel, CO

Register in advance for this webinar:

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