



CHALLENGING COMPETENCY: A YOUTH DEFENDER ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Presented by the Washington State Office of Public Defense

Friday, June 27, 2025 | 9:30 AM – 3 PM | [Register Online](#)

Location: 711 Capitol Way S, Olympia, WA 98501

Join us for a day dedicated to Youth Defender Advocacy presented by the Washington State Office of Public Defense. The program will include materials from the [Gault Center's Youth Defender Advocacy Program](#) (YDAP) presented by YDAP certified trainers Alex Narvaez and George Yeannakis and a presentation by **Dr. Fran Lexcen** (Director, Forensic Services at [Child Study & Treatment Center](#)) on the state of competency law in Washington. This training will also provide information on CLIP beds and restoration services. Although at times the declining mental state of a youth can be so obvious, judges and prosecutors often persist in challenging a youth's incompetency. Join other youth defenders to build skills on raising and challenging competency, strategize on improving Washington law, and network with colleagues from across the state.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!

This program is open to all attorneys with appointed cases.



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Free Training

3.5 CLE Credits
(Pending Approval)

Learn strategies to
better advocate for
your clients!

Featuring Dr. Fran
Lexcen, with over
20 years of
experience in the
field

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