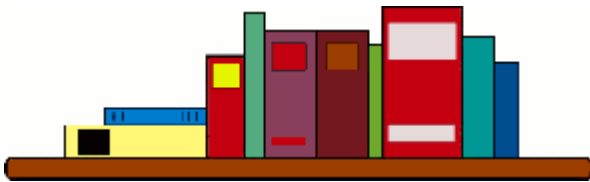


# Public Benefits Training 2009

## *Why you should attend*

Public Benefits are often the lifeline for clients to meet their basic needs of food, clothing and shelter. Even during good times, accessing this help can be confusing and difficult for those in need. With one out of five South Carolinians uninsured, the Medicaid program has become even more important. Record unemployment rates have made accessing unemployment insurance benefits critical for many laid off workers. Food Stamp enrollment is at an all time high. Navigating all of these programs takes an understanding of not just the laws but how the agencies work.

This training will provide advocates with information on many of the above-mentioned programs. In addition, it will provide help with preparing for hearings before the Department of Social Services and the SC Department of Health and Human Services. We will provide you with an update on what is taking place in Washington, DC with healthcare reform and what will need to be done in South Carolina to help maximize the benefits. Lastly, we will provide updates on Social Security benefits, Food Stamps and unemployment. All of these tools will help with representing clients during these difficult times.



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## Helping Beneficiaries Meet Their Needs



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January 29, 2010  
The Cecil Tillis Center  
2111 Simpkins Lane  
Columbia, SC 29204

## Directions to Cecil Tillis Training Center

**From 126/I-26 - Greenville/Spartanburg** Take 126 directly into the City of Columbia. After the Zoo exit, the road forks into Huger Street and Elmwood Avenue. Stay to the left and take Elmwood Avenue This brings you straight into the downtown area. Continue straight on Elmwood until it dead ends into Bull Street (Department of Mental Health Hospital is directly in front of you). Take a right. First light is Calhoun Street - take a left. Continue on Calhoun until you get to the light at Harden Street. Take a left and immediately move into the right lane and veer right to enter the Drew Wellness Center. Curve around in front of the Drew Wellness Center on Walker Solomon Way and parking is on your left. The **Cecil Tillis Center** is across the street from the parking lot at 2111 Simpkins Lane.

**From I-20 - Florence Area** Take I-20 to Columbia and take 277 into downtown Columbia. As 277 ends, the road becomes Bull Street and there is an immediate light (the S.C. American Red Cross building will be on your right). Take a left at that light. This is the Harden Street extension. Continue on this road. Once you pass under the railroad track, look for the intersection of Harden Street and Read Street (there is a traffic light). Turn left on Read Street and then take your first left on Celia Saxon Street. Cross Elmwood Avenue and straight ahead is the Drew Wellness Center parking lot. You can park there. The **Cecil Tillis Center** is across the street from the parking lot at 2111 Simpkins Lane.

**From Charleston on I-26** Take I-26 and then merge onto I-77 to Charlotte. Proceed to exit 12. Take a left at the light. Go straight on Forest Drive for approximately 3 miles. (When you pass Providence Hospital on right, you're getting closer - our public housing community, Gonzales Gardens, is on your left). Take a right on Oak Street. You are going through the middle of Benedict College. Go straight on Oak until you get to the Dollar General Store. The **Cecil Tillis Center** is just past the store on the left and parking is right across the street next to the Drew Wellness Center.

**If you have any questions, contact Callie Vanderbilt at S.C. Appleseed Legal Justice Center**  
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### Agenda

#### Public Benefits:

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## Helping beneficiaries meet their needs January 29, 2010

- 8:55 Welcome  
Clanitra Stewart, SC Appleseed
- 9:00 Viewpoint from a DSS hearing officer: Tips for Fair Hearings  
Representative from SC DSS
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Food Stamps: Did you know they are now called SNAP?  
Clanitra Stewart, SC Appleseed
- 11:15 Health Care Reform: What does it mean nationally and for South Carolina  
Teresa Arnold, MSW, AARP
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Medicaid hearings: Tips from an Expert  
Patricia Harrison, Esq., Columbia
- 2:00 Hot topics in Social Security cases  
Jamie Bell, Staff Attorney, SCLS
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Hot topics in UI/Wages  
Jack Cohoon, Staff Attorney, SCLS
- 4:15 Wrap-up

Public Benefits Training:  
Friday, January 29, 2010  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Cecil Tillis Center  
2111 Simpkins Lane, Columbia, SC 29204  
*Please arrive early for registration.*

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### **Registration Fee: \$45.00**

**Please make payable to SC Appleseed**

Lunch is included in registration fee.

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Return completed registration and fee no later than **January 25, 2009** to:

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This seminar will be submitted for **6.0** hours of Continuing Legal Education credit.

**\*Please note that private attorneys attending the CLE will be asked to accept a pro bono case from the SC Bar Pro Bono Program.**

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