



Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

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## Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation Newsletter

**Monday  
January 12, 2009  
10:00 to noon**

**Understanding RTI within  
the Context of Georgia's  
Pyramid of Interventions**

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**Registration for CEUs at no  
cost on site**

**State Bar of Georgia  
Headquarters  
3rd floor Auditorium  
104 Marietta St. NW,  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

**Parking available on site for  
fee**

**08-09 Lecture Schedule:**

**1/12/09 10:00 to noon RTI**

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January 12th should be a good day for us. We will learn all about eligibility. Now before anyone gets all overheated, I am not talking about eligible as in leaning out of the car clutching your Mr. Microphone as you yell "Hey good lookin, what's cookin?" I am also not talking about who may or may not be eligible for federal bailout funds; although I am sure that if the government sees fit to give our group some bailout action, we would be quick to stimulate the economy on a local level, after all, those Mr. Microphones burn through a fair amount of batteries.

What I am talking about is eligibility for special education services. Georgia is now using Response to Intervention (RTI) as a means of determining who may be eligible for protection and services under special education laws. Come and find out how to get your student through that new door without getting caught on the threshold.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year, Remember, the 12th is early enough to still have some deniability on your already lapsing New Years resolution, although you may have resolved that you were going to start exercising regularly, but perhaps you meant only after all those slackers had time to clear out of the gym and leave some breathing room for the serious contenders like yourself.

Looking forward to your RSVPs and hearing about your progress on your various resolutions.

**02/09/09 Full Day Autism  
and Aspergergers**

**03/16/09 10 to noon IDEA  
2004 Accessing Services  
under the Law**

**4/13/09 Full Day: Depression  
and Bipolar**

**05/11/09  
10:00 to 3:00 PTSD and RAD**

[www.gaprofessionalservices.org](http://www.gaprofessionalservices.org)

Links & Resources

**AVLF**

To volunteer for any of our programs  
please contact us at:  
**404-521-0790**  
or  
[djack@avlf.org](mailto:djack@avlf.org)

Baby Brains, Parent's Rights, Child's  
Rights.

How does all of this get balanced in  
the Child Welfare System?

10am -noon

What does toxic stress do to baby  
brains?

newly published research coming  
from Harvard University

Presenter: Dr. Jordan Greenbaum,  
Medical Director, Child Protection  
Center, Children's Healthcare of  
Atlanta.

Lunch noon to 1:00  
(\$5.00 contribution requested to help  
defray costs)

1:00 to 3:00 Join us for an  
interactive panel:

Kathleen

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## Directions to the State Bar of Georgia Headquarters

*(Two blocks from CNN,  
Philips Arena, Centennial Park)*  
**104 Marietta St. NW,  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

*(The best level to park for the 3rd floor conference room is  
the 5th or 6th level of the attached parking garage) parking  
available at hourly rate for non-Bar members.*

**From the East I-20:** Take the Windsor-Spring Exit. Turn  
right on Spring Street. Turn right on Marietta Street.

**\*It is no longer possible to make a left-hand turn  
into the Bar parking deck when traveling west up  
Marietta Street.**

**From the West I-20:** Take the Windsor-Spring Exit.  
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**From the South 75-85:** Take Andrew Young

Moderator: Kathleen Dumitrescu,  
Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

Panelists include: Dr. Jordan Greenbaum, Judge Peggy Walker, University of Michigan Professor Don Duquette, Director of Babies Can't Wait Wendy Miller, Georgia Head Start CEO Dr. Robert Lawrence, and representatives from the Division of Family and Children Services and parents' resource networks. What does the new research mean? Agency representatives discuss case scenarios and how services are delivered in Georgia.

CEUs and CLEs applied for

This kickoff seminar specially sponsored by:  
The Supreme Court of Georgia's  
Committee on Justice for Children

International Boulevard Exit and turn left onto Andrew Young International Boulevard. Follow to the 6<sup>th</sup> light, Centennial Parkway, and make another left. In two blocks turn left on Marietta Street. Just through the next light, turn right into the State Bar of Georgia parking lot.

**From the North 75-85:** Take Williams Street Exit. Turn right onto Andrew Young International Boulevard. Follow to the 6<sup>th</sup> light, Centennial Parkway, and make another left. In two blocks turn left on Marietta Street. Just through the next light, turn right into the State Bar of Georgia parking lot.

**From Marta - Five Points Station:** Exit the train station heading towards Peachtree Street. Turn left out of the station onto Peachtree Street. Follow Peachtree Street to Marietta Street. Turn left on Marietta Street. Follow Marietta Street for four blocks.