

# Los Angeles County Public Defender Social Work Department

LACPD & CPDA Youth Defender Training 2026

## Adolescent Brain Development: How the Adolescent Brain & Behavior Development Can Affect Competency, Culpability & Other Determinations in Court

<b>DATE &amp; TIME:</b>	<b>April 25, 2026</b>	<b>2:15-3:15PM</b>
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All registration must be confirmed by the education director at least 3 days prior to the training. Sign in from 2:15-3:15PM. All participants must arrive during the sign-in period to receive full participation credits.

<b>PLACE:</b>	<b>Loyola Law School 919 Albany Street Los Angeles, CA 90015</b>
<b>PARKING:</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>

This **1.0** credit in-person workshop was developed for legal professionals, including social workers, as an intermediate level course. This training will focus on areas of social work with individuals in nonclinical, forensic practice. This training will examine the intersection of developmental neuroscience and the legal system. It highlights how the physiological and psychological shifts during adolescence inform legal standards regarding a youth’s fitness for trial and their level of moral blameworthiness.

<b>OBJECTIVES:</b>	<p><b>As a result of attending this training, participants should be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the uniqueness of the period of adolescence.</li> <li>Understand how trauma and adolescent development mitigate culpability, especially for certain types of offenses.</li> <li>Identify ways to collaborate and strategize with experts while deciphering the need based on the referral questions.</li> </ul>
<b>CONDUCTED BY:</b>	Dr.Gimel Rogers, Psy.D., ABPP is a licensed psychologist and is Board Certified in Clinical Psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology. With over 15 years of clinical, professional speaking, and training experience she is the owner of F.I.R.E. Igniting Lives Psychology. She is a Clinical Professor and the Associate Director of the Online MAP/MACLP Programs at Pepperdine University. She has published in the areas of culture, coping, spirituality, trauma, and forensically involved persons.
<b>COORDINATED BY:</b>	<p><b>Alison Seeger, LCSW</b></p> <p>Please see presentation description and agenda in the registration link. Participants must sign-in and sign-out in order to receive their certificate of completion and receive credit. Certificates will be emailed within 10 business</p>

	<p>days upon turning in the evaluation. Should anyone have any grievances or concerns, they may contact Alison Seeger, LCSW at <a href="mailto:aseeger@pubdef.lacounty.gov">aseeger@pubdef.lacounty.gov</a>. An additional grievance policy is also attached should any other participant at the conference have a grievance.</p> <p>ADA needs : We would be happy to made accommodations for any individuals with disabilities. Please reach out at least two weeks prior to the traning date.</p> <p>Course delivery format will be an in-person workshop and discussion.</p>
<b>PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<p>Conference registration is required. Attendance tracking is required for live events, with a sign-in sheet showing first and last name of the participant along with sign-in and out times. <b>Participants must present for the entirety of the training to receive credit.</b></p>
<b>CONTINUING EDUCATION:</b>	<p>Los Angeles Public Defender Social Work Department (ACE# 1553) is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved as ACE providers. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. The Los Angeles County Social Work Department maintains responsibility for this course. ACE provider approval period: 06/14/2023- 06/14/2026.</p> <p>Social workers participating in this training will receive <b>1.0</b> continuing education GENERAL/Non-Clinical credits.</p>
<b>COST</b>	<p>LA County allied defense professionals \$0/non-LA County (CPDA member) \$150/non-LA County non-member \$200</p>