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May 17, 2023

Duration:

12:00 pm—1:00 pm

Lunch & Learn via WebEx

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CLE Credit: One hour of general CLE credit for Illinois attorneys (pending)

Presenters — Jody Bianchini, Staff Attorney and Cristina Kinsella, Staff Attorney Equip for Equality

Topic— Introduction to Special Education Rights

Biographies

Jody Bianchini joined Equip for Equality's Special Education Clinic in August 2022 as a Stanford Law School Public Interest Fellow to focus on issues of restraint and seclusion. Before law school, Jody was a pre-k and Title I interventionist in Milwaukee, WI. She also holds a Masters in Urban Education. She lives in Evanston, near her undergraduate alma mater and enjoys walks by Lake Michigan.

Cristina Kinsella joined Equip for Equality in November 2022 as a staff attorney to focus on education justice in the Metro East area of Illinois. Before joining EFE, Cristina was a supervising attorney with Disability Rights California. She also served as a deputy public defender in Kern County, California. Cristina graduated summa cum laude from Thomas Jefferson School of Law and holds an LL.M in International Human Rights Law from the National University of Ireland, Galway. She lives in Edwardsville with her cats, Neville (8) and Shelby (2).