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## **Professional Enrichment Program Presented Locally**

***Introduction to Poverty Law for Service Providers* was presented to a room full of health and human service providers on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Foundation for Community Health in Sharon. The seminar offered information on how legal aid programs in Connecticut work and how providers could better serve their clients by understanding the different legal issues that they might encounter. Various topics were presented including family law, housing law, consumer rights and state and federal benefit programs that are available to low income and disabled families and individuals. The five and a half hour seminar was arranged by the Foundation, in collaboration with the Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut, in an effort to provide locally accessible professional development and enrichment programs for northwestern Connecticut service providers.**

