**Leading to Our Future: A National Legal Aid Directors Discussion

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**Thursday, July 29, 2021, 2 to 5 pm EDT**

*Legal aid directors are in the midst of a significant leadership moment of change, including envisioning our future workplace, re-opening offices to clients and staff, communicating expectations to staff and community, and working toward racial equity. MIE will offer directors a virtual roundtable experience to exchange ideas on these challenges.*

**Agenda**

2:00pm — **Welcome and Overview** – Alexis Smith, Executive Director, New Haven Legal Assistance Association

2:15 pm — **Opening Perspectives from Legal Aid Executive Directors** – Yvonne Mariajimenez, President and CEO, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County; Jon Laramore, Executive Director, Indiana Legal Services; César Torres, Executive Director, Northwest Justice Project

2:30 – 3:00 pm — **Finding Alright: Creating Organizational Support for Employee Well-Being and Fostering Wellness Culture,** presented by Emily Hickman, MSW; Aimee Patras, MSW; and Lisa McLaren, MSW, Indiana Legal Services

3:00 – 3:15 pm — **Break**

3:15 – 4:30 pm

 **Facilitated Confidential Small Group Discussion**

4:30 – 5:00 — **Closing Presentations** with Mary Asbury, Executive Director, Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati; Jacquelynne Bowman, Executive Director, Greater Boston Legal Services; Alexis Smith, Executive Director, New Haven Legal Assistance Association