

The **Capital District Asylum Collaborative (CDAC)** is hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Training Session here at AMC on **Saturday, August 18** from **9:30am-4pm, Room MS169**.

**Who are we?** We are a group of medical students that work with physicians and immigration attorneys to help provide pro-bono medical and psychological evaluations to asylum seekers. These evaluations are used to aid their applications in seeking refuge here in the United States.

Here's the signup link (food will be provided): <https://goo.gl/forms/fvKEr9FmdLORx3Z52>  
Deadline to register is August 11th, 2018.

**What is an asylum seeker?** A person who has fled his or her own country due to fear of persecution and has applied for legal and physical protection in another country.

**How can you help?** By attending this training, you will learn how to write a medical-legal affidavit that will be used to strengthen a client's case for asylum. Without a medical-legal affidavit, the odds of being granted asylum are 30%. **With an affidavit, those odds go up to 90%!**

The Capital District Asylum Collaborative (CDAC) is run by a group of medical students from Albany Medical College working with the Legal Project. Our goal is to provide those seeking asylum in the United States physical and psychological evaluations by medical professionals. Asylum seekers who have this documentation are three times more likely to be granted asylum in court. The medical students work with the provider volunteers to document all the physical and psychological evidence, and prepare medical affidavits to present to court. Our training on August 18th will provide volunteers with all the necessary knowledge to work towards preparing these affidavits. No previous experience is necessary.

The work you do with CDAC will directly save someone's life. You are giving them and their families the opportunity to hope, dream, and work for a better future.