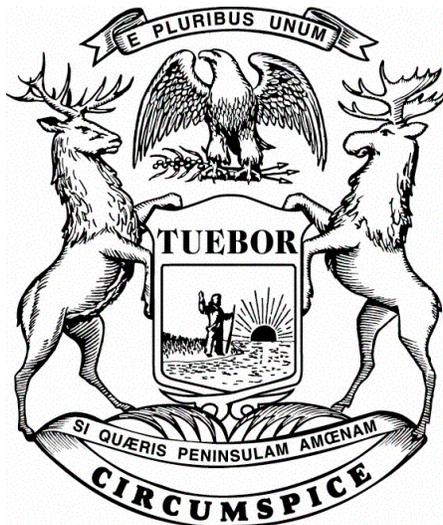


Recent Developments in Child Welfare Law: The Year in Review

Monday, May 4, 2009

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.)**



State Court Administrative Office -- Child Welfare Services

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Major developments in federal and state child welfare law have occurred over the past year. This training will highlight the 2008 federal “Fostering Connections” Act, the July 2008 Michigan statutory reforms, and the Department of Human Services’ Child Welfare Improvement Plan that DHS will implement pursuant to the settlement of the *Children’s Rights* lawsuit. The presenters will also offer updates on other recent court decisions and pending legislation, and discuss how all of those developments will affect daily practice in all areas of Michigan’s child welfare field.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Judges and referees
- Prosecutors/Assistant attorneys general
- Lawyer-guardians ad litem and parents’ attorneys
- Children’s Protective Services workers
- Department of Human Services and private agency caseworkers
- Tribal caseworkers, judges, attorneys, and related staff
- CASAs, Foster Care Review Board members, and related child welfare professionals

REGISTRATION

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION COST TO ATTEND THIS TRAINING. The cost of this training is generously funded by the Court Improvement Program. All training materials and lunch will be provided.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. However, there may be some exceptions to ensure geographic diversity and participation across professions. A confirmation letter will be sent to you approximately two weeks before the training. That letter will provide an agenda and additional details about the training.

Register online at
<http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/services/CWS/TrainingDevelopment.htm>
no later than April 24, 2009.

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LODGING INFORMATION

A limited block of overnight rooms has been reserved at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center at a rate of \$65 per night. This block of rooms will be released back to the hotels after April 3, 2009, so make your reservation early. We cannot guarantee these rates after this deadline.

GETTING THERE

Kellogg Hotel: To make your reservations at the Kellogg Hotel, call 517-432-4000 and reference the “SCAO Conference” to ensure that you receive the reduced rate. The Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center is located on the Michigan State University campus at 55 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48824-1022. Directions can be found by going to the following websites:

Campus Map: <http://maps.msu.edu/>

MapQuest: www.mapquest.com

AGENDA

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| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Welcome/Housekeeping
Federal Fostering Connections Act
<i>Frank Vandervort, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School, Child Advocacy Law Clinic</i> |
| 10:45 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. | Break |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Department of Human Services and the Children’s Rights Settlement Child Welfare Improvement Plan
<i>Luttrell Levingston</i> |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m.– 2:30 p.m. | 2008 State Statutory Reforms
<i>Vivek Sankaran, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School, Child Advocacy Law Clinic</i>
<i>Kelly Howard, Manager, State Court Administrative Office, Child Welfare Services Division</i> |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Break |
| 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Current Developments in Case Law and Pending Legislation
<i>Vivek Sankaran, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School, Child Advocacy Law Clinic</i> |
| 4:00 p.m. | Adjournment |

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ONLINE REGISTRATION

[Register Here](#)

Or follow the directions below:

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Click link: [Upcoming Off-Site Programs](#)

Click link: [Implementing Michigan's New Permanency Legislation](#)

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If you have problems registering, please contact Joy Thelen either by phone at 517-373-5322, or by e-mail at ThelenJ@courts.mi.gov.

Please submit your registration as soon as possible to maximize your opportunity to attend. Your registration is a commitment to attend the entire portion of the conference for which you register. Please do not register to attend this conference unless you have scheduling flexibility and have received the necessary authorization to attend. If you must cancel after you have been confirmed to attend this conference, please contact Joy Thelen at 517-373-5322 or by e-mail at ThelenJ@courts.mi.gov as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Registrations may be transferred to another individual with prior notice to Joy Thelen. Please note that onsite registration is **not** available.