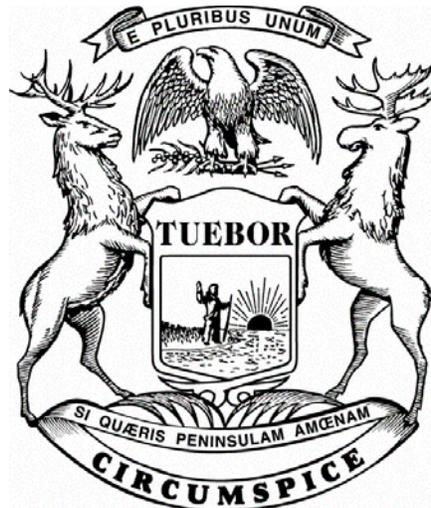


**CHILD WELFARE ESSENTIALS TRAINING**  
**A LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR BENZIE, CLARE, LAKE, MASON,  
MANISTEE, MECOSTA, NEWAYGO, OCEANA AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES**

**August 1, 2014**

**West Shore Community College  
Administrative and Conference Building**

3000 N Stiles Road  
Scottville, MI 49454  
Meeting Room: ABC Café



**Sponsored by:**  
State Court Administrative Office  
Child Welfare Services Division  
Michigan Court Improvement Program, and  
The Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect

This project was funded by a federal Children's Justice Act grant to the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect administered through the Michigan Department of Human Services, under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, Administration of Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, CFDA 93.643, being sections 107(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) as amended (42 USC 5101 *et seq.*); and the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended (42 USC 10601 *et seq.*). In addition, this is a joint project of the State Court Administrative Office and the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, chaired by the Honorable Kenneth Tacoma, Chief Judge of the Wexford County Probate Court.

## BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

This training will provide participants with an overview of the legal framework governing child protective proceedings, including the applicable statutes, court rules, and DHS policy. Participants will learn the procedural rules, time guidelines, and legal standards applicable to each hearing, as well as receive best practice tips. In the afternoon, participants will learn about the federal Title IV-E regulations governing foster care funding and their impact on child welfare practice. The day will conclude with a session on strategies for drafting effective petitions and reports, as well as providing courtroom testimony. This training is intended to be collaborative and bring together legal advocates, caseworkers, and other local child welfare professionals to learn and discuss issues in child welfare practice.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Jurists, parent attorneys, prosecutors, LGALs, DHS, private agency partners, and tribes from the following counties: Benzie, Clare, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Mecosta, Newaygo, Oceana, and Osceola.

## AGENDA

<b>8:30 – 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:10 a.m.</b> <i>Room: ABC Café</i>	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> Honorable Jeffrey C. Nellis, Probate Court, Mason County
<b>9:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b> <i>Room: ABC Café</i>	<b>Child Welfare Practice, Policy, and Procedure for Legal Advocates and Court Staff</b> Casey Anbender, State Court Administrative Office, Child Welfare Services Noah Bradow, State Court Administrative Office, Child Welfare Services
<b>12:00 – 12:45 p.m.</b> <i>Room: North Lounge</i>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:45 – 1:45 p.m.</b> <i>Room: ABC Café</i>	<b>Federal Funding in Child Welfare: A Title IV-E Overview</b> Casey Anbender, State Court Administrative Office, Child Welfare Services Matthew Lafrinere, Federal Compliance Division, Department of Human Services
<b>1:45 – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:00 – 4:30 p.m.</b> <i>Room: ABC Café</i>	<b>Strategies for Effective Court Practice: Petition Drafting, Testifying, and Report Writing</b> Referee Deborah McNabb, 17th Circuit Court, Kent County
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Closing Comments, Adjourn</b>

## TRAINING COSTS

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR THIS TRAINING.

The training is generously funded by the Michigan Court Improvement Program and the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. **Due to grant restrictions, we are unable to provide snacks. Food is permitted in the Conference Center so please plan accordingly.** Travel, meals, and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

## TRAINING REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. A confirmation notice will be sent to you approximately two weeks before the training. If you have not received a confirmation by July 28, 2014, please contact Kate McPherson at 517-373-5322 or [mcphersonk@courts.mi.gov](mailto:mcphersonk@courts.mi.gov).

Please use **Internet Explorer** as your browser when registering for this training.

### Online Registration:

Hover your mouse over the link below, hold down the Ctrl key on your keyboard, and left click with your mouse. Or, you can manually type the link into your Internet Explorer address bar.

[http://webcast.you-niversity.com/y/cws\\_0801cwpe](http://webcast.you-niversity.com/y/cws_0801cwpe)

You should submit your registration as soon as possible to increase the likelihood that your registration will be confirmed. Please do not register to attend this training unless you have scheduling flexibility and have received the necessary authorization to attend.

## CANCELLATIONS

If you need to cancel your registration, please contact Kate McPherson as soon as possible at 517-373-5322 or [mcphersonk@courts.mi.gov](mailto:mcphersonk@courts.mi.gov).

## QUESTIONS

### General Assistance

For general assistance, please contact Kate McPherson at [mcphersonk@courts.mi.gov](mailto:mcphersonk@courts.mi.gov) or 517-373-5322.

### Training Content

For questions regarding the training content, please contact Noah Bradow, Management Analyst, at [BradowN@courts.mi.gov](mailto:BradowN@courts.mi.gov) or 517-373-2621.

## DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

### West Shore Community College Administrative and Conference Building



#### Once you have entered the campus:

- Turn left into the first parking lot (near the Technical Center)
- Drive all the way back through the parking lot
- The drive will take you left toward the Admin and Conference Building
- Park and then enter through main double door entrance
- There will be a stanchion inside the entrance to direct attendees

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- Take US-31 south
- Turn right onto Sugar Grove Road
- Turn right onto North Stiles Road
- Turn right into the College Entrance

#### Arriving from the South

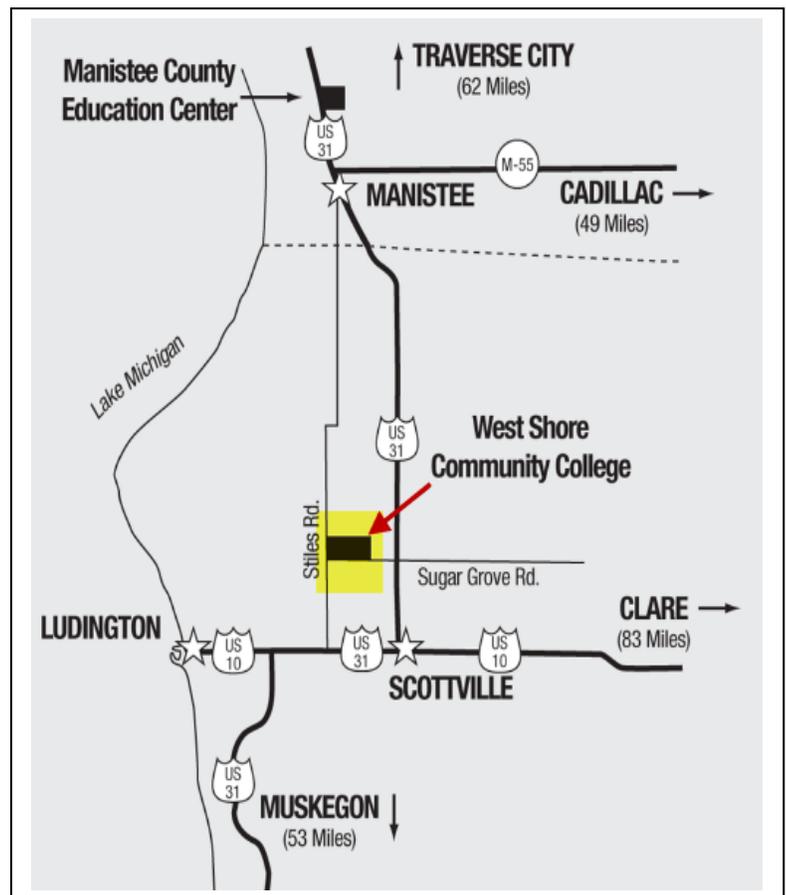
- Take US-31 north
- Turn left onto North Stiles Road
- Pass Sugar Grove Road
- Turn right into the College Entrance

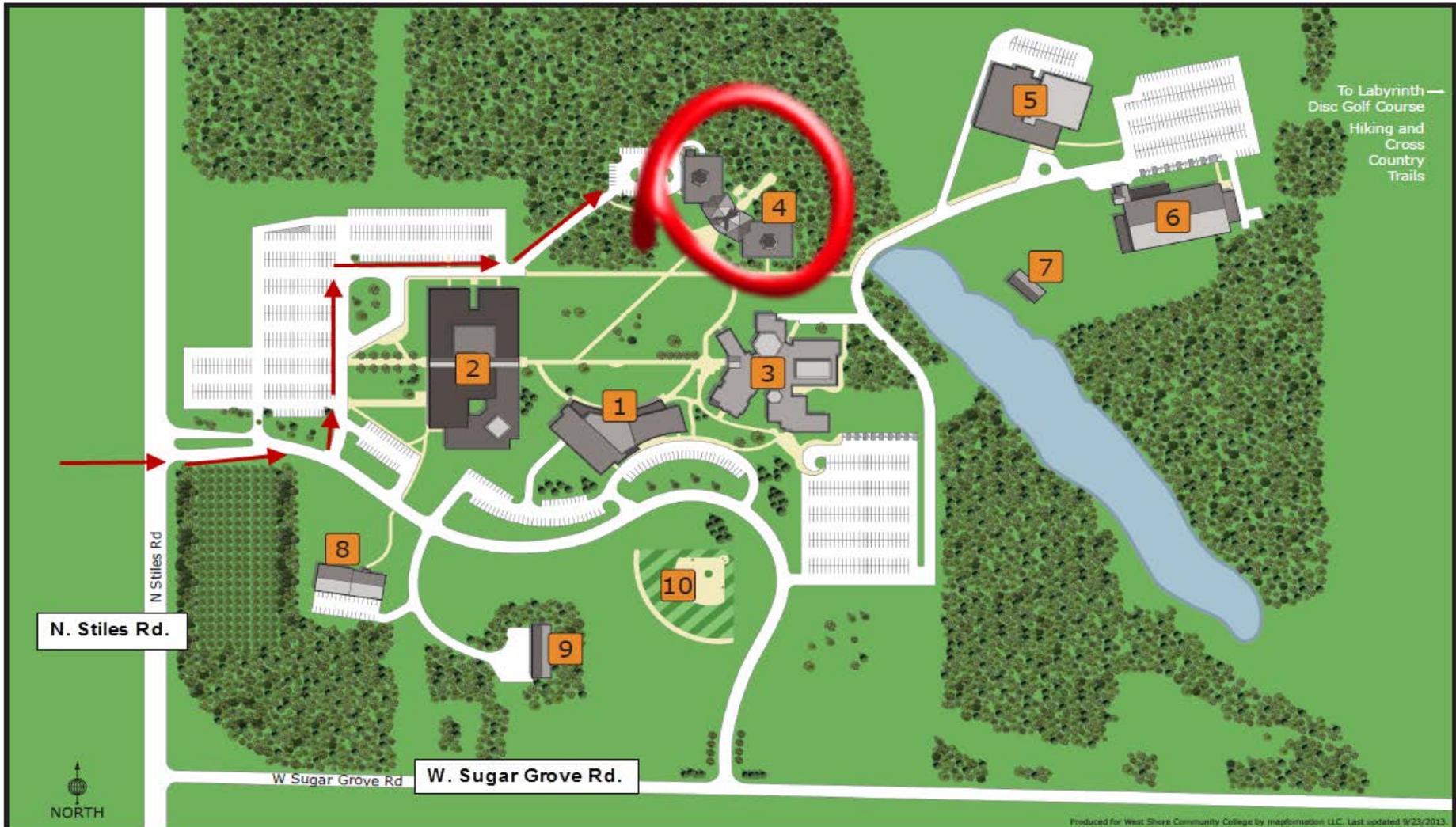
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- Take US-10 west
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- Pass Sugar Grove Road
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#### Arriving from the West

- Take US-10 east
- Turn left onto North Stiles Road
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| 2 | Technical Center                     | 6 | West Shore Ice Arena               | 10 | Softball Field                   |
| 3 | Arts & Sciences Center               | 7 | Eaton Picnic Pavilion              |    |                                  |
| 4 | Administrative & Conference Building | 8 | Auto Repair and Maintenance Center |    |                                  |