

**SUMMER SERIES ON
ENHANCING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
IN CHILD PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS:**

LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING FATHERS' INVOLVEMENT

**Presented on:
June 3, 2008**

Holiday Inn-South, Lansing

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



State Court Administrative Office -- Child Welfare Services

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Michigan Department of Human Services
Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice***

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This interactive, case-based training will address the legal issues and practice problems confronting attorneys, judges, and caseworkers involved with fathers' issues in child protective proceedings. Topics addressed will include:

- The constitutional rights and responsibilities of fathers
- Legal versus biological fathers
- Establishing paternity
- The role of the family court in child protective proceedings when there are putative father issues

This training will also address the application of *In re CR*, 250 Mich App 185 (2002), as it relates to fathers. *In re CR* permits the court to take jurisdiction over the child and enter orders regarding both parents even when only one parent has been adjudicated abusive or neglectful. Additional topics to be discussed include representation of incarcerated fathers, ethical issues encountered by attorneys when representing fathers, practical tips for representing fathers in child protection proceedings, and other suggestions for attorneys representing fathers, prosecutors/assistant attorneys general, lawyer-guardians ad litem, judges, and caseworkers to enhance fathers' meaningful involvement with the case and their children's lives.

TARGET AUDIENCE

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

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REGISTRATION

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION COST TO ATTEND THIS TRAINING. The cost of this training is generously funded by the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice. All training materials, parking validation and lunch are provided. Except for DHS workers, mileage and lodging will not be reimbursed and are the responsibility of individual attendees. To enable DHS workers to attend this training, the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice has generously agreed to reimburse DHS workers' mileage and lodging, as detailed in the L-letter related to this training announcement.

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.

**Fill out and return the completed Training
Registration form no later than **May 19, 2008.****

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

An application to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for LMSWs and LBSWs has been submitted and approval is pending. Upon approval, we will provide CEUs at no charge to qualified individuals who attend the entire portion of the training for which he or she is registered. Attendance forms must be signed on site in order to receive the certificate necessary to receive CEUs. There are no exceptions to these requirements.

LODGING INFORMATION

A limited block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn-South in Lansing through May 3, 2008.

Please Note: You are responsible for your overnight expenses; however, a special rate of \$65.00 has been negotiated. To make your reservation, contact the Holiday Inn-South directly at 517- 694-8123. When making your reservation, please be sure to specify that you are attending the State Court Administrative Office-Child Welfare Services training to ensure that you receive our special reduced rate.

If you have any questions, please call Julie Welch or Jennifer Doerr at 517-334-6060 ext. 833 or 836 or e-mail us at welchj@michigan.gov or doerrj@michigan.gov.

GETTING THERE

The Holiday Inn-South is located 6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, MI, 48911. Directions can be found by going to the following websites:

Hotel site: <http://www.hislansing.com/guest.html>

MapQuest: www.mapquest.com

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(Please print or type legibly, because this information will be used for your name tag.)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Length of Involvement with Child Protective Proceedings/Child Welfare: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____ Special Needs: _____

E-mail: _____ (Confirmations will be sent by e-mail only.)

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Return completed registration form by May 19, 2008, to:

**PAAM/CATS
116 W. Ottawa, Suite 500
Lansing, MI 48933
Fax: 517-334-6787**

For further information, or if you require handicap access to facilities or special assistance at the program, please contact Julie Welch or Jennifer Doerr at 517-334-6060 ext. 833 or 836 or e-mail us at welchj@michigan.gov or doerrj@michigan.gov.

Space is limited, so please return your registration as soon as possible to maximize your opportunity to attend. Your registration is a commitment to attend the entire training. Please do not register to attend this training unless you have the scheduling flexibility and have received the necessary authorization to attend. If it is necessary to cancel after you have been confirmed to attend this training, please contact Ms. Doerr as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Registrations may be transferred to another individual with prior confirmation from SCAO-Child Welfare Services. **Onsite registration is not available.** Subject to space limitations, we will attempt to accommodate late registrants up to two weeks before the training dates.