

MICHIGAN INDIAN FAMILY PRESERVATION ACT: NEW INDIAN CHILD WELFARE LEGISLATION

March 8, 2013

LOCATION CHANGE

**Okemos Conference Center
2187 University Park Dr.
Okemos, MI 48864**



**Sponsored by:
State Court Administrative Office,
Child Welfare Services Division,
and
Michigan Court Improvement Program**

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In this program, state and tribal court experts will team up to guide participants through an introduction and overview of the recently enacted Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA). This training opportunity will provide information on the historical background of the new law, clarification of certain federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) provisions and definitions, and how child welfare professionals can comply with the MIFPA. Chief Tribal Court Judge Allie Maldonado will provide historical context for the new legislation by guiding participants through historical treatment of Native American families in the United States and in Michigan. She will describe the purpose and intent of the ICWA and MIFPA. Washtenaw Circuit Court Judge Timothy Connors will discuss the legislation as one of many ongoing efforts to promote healthy relationships between state and tribal courts in Michigan and among our sister states. Annette Nickel, prosecuting attorney for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, will facilitate interactive case study exercises to put the "Act" into action. Audience members will have an opportunity to engage in a constructive dialogue about the policy and practice implications of the groundbreaking new law. This is a full day highlighting the cultural context, collaboration, and compliance when working with Native American families in the child welfare system.

TARGET AUDIENCE

State and tribal court judges, referees, attorneys for children and parents, state and tribal court prosecutors, and caseworkers for the Michigan Department of Human Services, tribes, and private agencies.

AGENDA

9:15-10:00 a.m.	Registration
10:00-11:00 a.m.	Healing From History: A Historical Context of ICWA and MIFPA Legislation <i>Hon. Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Chief Judge, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians</i>
11:00 a.m.-Noon	Putting the “Act” Into Action: Exploring ICWA and MIFPA Compliance Through Interactive Case Scenarios <i>Annette D. Nickel, Prosecutor/Presenting Officer, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians</i>
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Case Scenarios, Cont’d.
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15-3:00 p.m.	Lessons Learned: An Open Dialogue About Implementation, Practice, and Frequently Asked Questions
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Legislation and Collaboration: Building Blocks to Healthy Tribal – State Relationships <i>Hon. Timothy P. Connors, Judge, Washtenaw County Circuit Court</i>

TRAINING COSTS

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR THIS TRAINING. The training is generously funded by the Michigan Court Improvement Program. Training materials and a lunch will be provided. **Travel, meals other than lunch, and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participant.**

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. However, there may be some exceptions to ensure geographic diversity and participation across professions. ***Due to space limitations, restrictions have been placed on the number of individuals per agency and discipline who may attend this training. Registration will not guarantee attendance.***

A confirmation notice will be sent to you approximately two weeks before the training. If you have not received a confirmation by March 1, 2013, contact Heather Leidi at 517-373-5322 or LeidiH@courts.mi.gov.

LODGING INFORMATION

A limited block of overnight rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Inn for March 7, 2013, at a rate of \$75 per night for single-occupancy lodging and \$83 per night for double-occupancy. This block of rooms will be released back to the hotel after February 26, 2013, so please make your reservation early. We cannot guarantee these rates after the February 26 deadline. **Please note:** You are responsible for your lodging expenses.

Comfort Inn: To make your reservations at the Comfort Inn, call 517-347-6690 and reference “Child Welfare Services” to ensure that you receive the reduced rate. The Comfort Inn is located at **2187 University Park Drive, Okemos, MI 48864**. Directions can be found at the following websites:

Site Map: <http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-okemos-michigan-MI306?source=rseedca23>

MapQuest: www.mapquest.com

CONTINUING EDUCATION

An application to offer Continuing Education (CEs) for Master and Bachelor level social workers is pending. Upon approval, we will provide CEs at no charge to qualified individuals who attend the training.

To obtain CEs, you must complete and submit a CE form that will be provided on-site. To receive full credit for CEs, you must be seated in the room at 10 a.m. and you must attend the entire training. There are no exceptions to these requirements.

VIDEOTAPING WAIVER

By registering for this training you grant Child Welfare Services (CWS) staff and any subcontracted agencies the right to use your likeness, image, voice, appearance, and presentation as recorded during the conference or later transferred to videotape, film, slides, photographs, audiotapes, or other media, now known or later developed. This grant includes, without limitation, the right to duplicate and display the recording in whole or in part as CWS may elect.

TRAINING REGISTRATION

Online Registration: [Click here](#)

OR

Follow the steps below:

- 1) Go to the Child Welfare Services webpage:
<http://www.courts.michigan.gov/administration/scao/officesprograms/cws/childwelfareservicestraining/pages/default.aspx>
- 2) Select: “CWS Programs”

- 3) Select: “**Schedule of Upcoming Programs**”
- 4) Select: “**Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA): Policy and practice implications of new legislation**”
- 5) Select: “**Register**” and complete the form

Please use **Internet Explorer** as your browser when registering for this training. If you have problems registering, please contact Heather Leidi at LeidiH@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-5322.

You should submit your registration as soon as possible to increase the likelihood that your registration will be confirmed. Your registration is a commitment to attend the entire portion of the training for which you register. Please do not register to attend this training unless you have scheduling flexibility and have received the necessary authorization to attend.

If you need to cancel after you have been confirmed to attend this training, please contact Heather Leidi at LeidiH@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-5322 as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. On-site registration is **not** available.