

THE MICHIGAN INDIAN FAMILY PRESERVATION ACT CHANGES THE GAME: TURNING ICWA FROM CHESS TO CHECKERS

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

This full day training will provide participants with an understanding of the Native American cultural context, and promote the benefits of collaboration between state and tribal entities to improve outcomes for Native American families in the child welfare system. The training will focus on the nuts and bolts of the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) and federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), as well as the importance of fostering strong state-tribal relationships for vulnerable Native American children. Participants will learn about the key differences between MIFPA and ICWA, and will be given the opportunity to engage in discussion with a panel of experts.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This training was developed for all child welfare professionals, including court staff, jurists, prosecutors, attorneys, LGALs, CPS, DHS and private agency foster care workers, and tribes.

CONTINUED EDUCATION CREDITS

There are no exceptions to these requirements.

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 9:00 a.m. and you must attend the entire training.

TRAINING FEE

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. Lunch will be provided at the training. All travel, lodging, and additional meal expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

QUESTIONS?

General Assistance

For general assistance, please contact Kate McPherson, SCAO-CWS Administrative Assistant, at McphersonK@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-5322.

Training Content

For questions regarding the training content, please contact Noah Bradow, SCAO-CWS Management Analyst, at BradowN@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-2621.

AGENDA

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Traditional Tribal Opening
9:20 – 10:20 a.m.	Personal Experiences – Why ICWA is Needed Susan Harness, M.A., Field Director, Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research, Colorado State University
10:20 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 12:00 p.m.	ICWA as the Gold Standard: The Need for System Reforms in Child Welfare Hon. William A. Thorne (ret.), Utah Court of Appeals; Casey Family Programs Judicial Engagement Team
12:00 – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 – 2:30 p.m.	Nuts and Bolts of the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of Indian Child, Higher Standards for Removal and Termination of Parental Rights <i>Hon. Timothy P. Connors, Judge, Washtenaw County Trial Court</i> • Good Cause Not to Transfer <i>Hon. Robert J. Butts, Judge, Cheboygan County Probate Court</i> • Placement Preferences and Good Cause Not to Follow Placement Preferences <i>Hon. Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Chief Judge, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians</i> • Intervention, Definition of Parent, and Notice <i>Annette D. Nickel, Esq., Attorney, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians</i> • Active Efforts <i>Hon. Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Chief Judge, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians</i>
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Guardianships Robin Eagleson, J.D., State Court Administrative Office, Trial Court Services Maribeth Preston, J.D., L.M.S.W., State Court Administrative Office, Child Welfare Services
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Practitioner Roundtable Greg Morsaw, Indian Outreach Worker, Department of Human Services, Van Buren County Monica M. Lubiarz-Quigley, Esq., Parent Attorney, Sault Sainte Marie, MI Debra J. Colletti, Esq., Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem, Grand Rapids, MI Scott Brower, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Family Court Division Chief, Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's Office Cameron Fraser, Deputy Director, Michigan Indian Legal Services Hon. Timothy P. Connors, Judge, Washtenaw County Trial Court
5:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks

REGISTRATION

Registration IS required.
On-site registration is NOT available.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. 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.**

ONLINE REGISTRATION

[Click here](#) and follow the steps below

<http://webcast.you-niversity.com/youtools/companies/viewSchedule.asp?affiliateId=132&affiliateId=133>

1. Click on the training title “**The Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act Changes the Game**”.
2. Select “**Register**” in the cream text box.
3. Complete the form.
4. Select “**Register**”.
5. An automatic email will be sent to you immediately after you register.
6. A second confirmation email will be sent to you approximately two weeks before the training.

If you need to cancel your attendance at this training, please contact Kate McPherson at mcpersonk@courts.mi.gov or [517-373-5322](tel:517-373-5322) as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Training events are limited in space and numbers. By providing adequate notice of a cancellation, another registrant will be afforded the opportunity to attend. Excessive nonattendance without prior cancellation may result in limited access to future CWS training events.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Travel and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

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<http://www.ramadaplazagr.com/>

Group Name: “State Court Admin Office”

Room Rate: \$75 per room

All reservations must be made by the participant through the Hotel’s Reservation Department.

The State Court Administrative Office has a limited block of discounted guest rooms. When making a reservation, please reference the special group name: “State Court Admin Office”.

If you need to cancel your reservation, you must notify the hotel by at least 4:00 p.m. on the reserved date of arrival. If you do not notify the hotel on time you will be charged the entire room rate even if you do not stay the night.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

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Major Intersection:

28th Street and the East Beltline

TRAVELING FROM THE EAST:

- Take I-96 toward Grand Rapids
- Take exit 43A for West 28th Street
- Turn right (West) onto 28th Street
- Travel 2.5 miles
- Pass Patterson Ave
- Pass East Paris Ave
- Pass East Beltline
- Immediately turn right onto Plaza Drive
- Hotel will be on the right



TRAVELING FROM THE WEST:

- Take I-196 toward Lansing
- Take exit 38 for M-44/M-37 / East Beltline
- Turn right (South) onto the East Beltline
- Travel 4 miles
- Pass Woodland Drive
- Pass Mall Drive
- Turn right into complex after Mall Drive
- Hotel will be on the right

TRAVELING FROM THE NORTH:

- Take US-131 South
- Take Exit 89A to merge onto I-96
- Take exit 38 for M-44/M-37 / East Beltline
- Turn right (South) onto the East Beltline
- Travel 4 miles
- Pass Woodland Drive
- Pass Mall Drive
- Turn right into complex after Mall Drive
- Hotel will be on the right

TRAVELING FROM THE SOUTH:

- Take US-131 North
- Take Exit 81 for 28th Street toward Wyoming
- Turn right (East) onto 28th Street
- Travel 4.6 miles
- Pass Kalamazoo Ave
- Pass Breton Road
- Turn left onto Plaza Drive
- Hotel will be on the right

