

THE 11TH ANNUAL CHILD WELFARE LAW CONFERENCE: TRANSFORMING CHILD WELFARE THROUGH REPRESENTATION

**Thursday, May 16, 2013
8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Shanty Creek Resorts
5780 Shanty Creek Road
Bellaire, MI 49615**



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State Court Administrative Office - Child Welfare Services Division,
Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, and
The Children's Law Section for the State Bar of Michigan**

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

This conference offers the child welfare bench and bar with an opportunity to learn the latest in child welfare law from the perspectives of both the practitioner and jurist. The morning portion of this conference will feature a workshop on trauma informed practice specifically designed for legal professionals. Clinicians from the Childhood Trauma Assessment Clinic (CTAC) and University of Michigan clinical professor Frank Vandervort will provide the audience with information about child trauma that will prove useful to advocates and decision-makers alike. The presentation will also address how issues surrounding the caregiver's own trauma history can inform decisions regarding a child's placement. The conference also features a legal update covering recent changes in child welfare law. Finally, the afternoon session is designed to put child welfare practice "into motion." A panel comprised of a juvenile court judge, parent attorney, lawyer guardian ad litem, and prosecutor will provide realistic practice tips and decision-making points on the most under-utilized and misused motions in a child welfare case. Using audience response technology, audience members will have the opportunity to rule on sample motions from hypothetical case scenarios. This is sure to be an engaging, yet practical, presentation that will inspire consistent motion practice in child welfare cases.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Child Welfare Attorneys, Referees and Jurists.

AGENDA

8:00-8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30-8:40 a.m.	Introductory Remarks and Welcome <i>Robin Eagleson, Chair, Children's Law Section for the State Bar of Michigan</i>
8:40-10:15 a.m.	Trauma Informed Practice for Advocates and Decision-Makers <i>Frank Vandervort, Attorney, University of Michigan</i> <i>James Henry PhD, Child Trauma Assessment Center (CTAC)</i> <i>Mark Sloane, MD, Child Trauma Assessment Center (CTAC)</i>
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30-11:45 a.m.	Trauma Informed Practice, Cont'd
11:45 a.m.-12:10 p.m.	Child Welfare Legal Updates <i>Jenifer Kitzmiller, Referee, St. Joseph County</i>
12:10-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-2:30 p.m.	Putting Law Into Motion: Comprehensive Perspectives on Effective Use of Motion Practice in Child Welfare Cases Moderator: <i>Jodi Latuszek, Management Analyst, State Court Administrative Office- Child Welfare Services Division</i> Panelists: <i>Honorable Susan L. Dobrich, Chief Judge, Cass County Probate Court</i>

	<i>Robin Eagleson, LGAL, Ingham County Circuit Court-Family Division</i> <i>Keith Watson, Parent Attorney, Ingham County</i> <i>Eric Scott, Prosecuting Attorney, Sanilac County</i>
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45-3:30 p.m.	Motion Practice, Cont'd
3:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks

LODGING INFORMATION

A limited block of overnight rooms has been reserved at Shanty Creek Resorts for May 15, 2013, at a rate of \$75 per night. This block of rooms will be released back to the hotel after April 15, 2013, so please make your reservation early. We cannot guarantee these rates after the April 15 deadline. **Please note:** You are responsible for your lodging expenses.

Shanty Creek Resorts: To make your reservations at Shanty Creek Resorts, complete the attached reservation form and fax it to 231-533-7004 or mail to Reservations Department, Shanty Creek Resorts, 5780 Shanty Creek Road, Bellaire, MI 49615. Shanty Creek Resorts is located at **5780 Shanty Creek Road, Bellaire, Michigan, 49615**. Directions can be found at the following websites:

Site Map: <http://www.shantycreek.com/directions.php>

MapQuest: www.mapquest.com

TRAINING COSTS

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR THIS TRAINING. The training is generously funded by the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. 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 May 8, 2013, contact Heather Leidi at 517-373-5322 or LeidiH@courts.mi.gov.

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: **“The 11th Annual Child Welfare Law Conference: Transforming Child Welfare Through Representation”**
- 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.



State Court Administrative Office (240575)
May 15-16th, 2013

Reservations Must Be Received By: April 15, 2013

Reservation requests received after this date will still be accepted provided rooms are available.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL (OR) FAX TO:

Reservations Department • Shanty Creek Resorts
5780 Shanty Creek Road • Bellaire, MI 49615
Fax: 231.533.7004
Check-in begins at 6pm, Check-out is 12 Noon.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Business Phone: _____

Confirmation Email: _____ Fax: _____

You are welcome to arrive early or extend your stay following this scheduled event. At times specified accommodations are not available prior to or following your event. If the room type requested is not available, we reserve the right to assign the next available room type and rate.

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ # Adults: _____ # Children: _____

Quantity	Room Type	1 Adult	2 Adults
	Guest Room (2 Beds)	\$75	\$75

Additional guest fee is \$15.00 per person, per night. Children under 18 may stay free in their parents' room using existing bedding. The above rates are per room, per day, plus 6% state tax, 9% resort fee and 5% TCCVB fee.

IF YOUR ORGANIZATION IS STATE TAX EXEMPT YOU MUST FURNISH A COPY OF THE STATE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS.

THIS FORM MUST BE MAILED OR FAXED IN TO RECEIVE THE GROUP DISCOUNTED RATES.

Deposit Policy: You must guarantee your room reservation with a major credit card or a check for deposit of 1st nights lodging. Credit card **WILL BE** charged for the above deposit. **Use of Debit cards at the resort for lodging or deposits may cause your financial institution to put a hold on your account for the total amount of the stay plus a \$50.00 per night incidental charge. The resort is not responsible for returned check fees resulting from this practice by your financial institution.** Refund of your deposit will be made if cancellation occurs at least 5 days prior to arrival, less a \$10 handling fee.

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

If Mailing a Check, Please Note on the Line Above. Your reservation will be held for 10 days pending receipt of the check.
If credit card deposit is made and organization pays in full by check refunds of credit card are subject to a \$10.00 handling fee.

Signature (Required): _____ Printed Name _____

Do you have any special lodging requests? Barrier Free: ____ Other (Please Indicate): _____

We do our best to honor special requests, however we cannot guarantee them.

FOR QUESTIONS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 800.678.4111