

State Court Administrative Office Child Welfare Services Division

Presents



2010

Thursday Luncheon Webcast Series

Child Welfare Services is pleased to announce the third annual series of webcasts on child welfare topics. These programs are funded by the Court Improvement Program's Training Grant monies, and cosponsored by the Department of Human Services and the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice.

For each presentation, the target audience includes judges (state and tribal), referees, other court staff, attorneys, CPS workers, other DHS child welfare personnel, private-agency foster care and adoption workers, CASAs, legislators, policy makers, and other child welfare professionals. Please feel free to pass this information along to other interested groups or individuals.

All webcasts begin promptly at 12 noon and can last from approximately 45 minutes up to 1.5 hours.

May 20, 2010

Are You Confused Yet? Understanding Recent Changes in Child Welfare Law

Approximate presentation time: 1 hour

Program Description:

This training provides an overview of multiple governmental and private entities that make and influence child welfare law. In the last two years, federal and state governments have rapidly and substantially changed the requirements for child welfare investigations, foster care management, and child protection proceedings. These changes result from constitutional requirements, statutes, court rules, federal court civil rights cases, state court decisions, and agency policies. Federal court oversight of Michigan's foster care children since 2008, adds yet another rule-maker to the mix. This presentation targeted toward legal practitioners, social workers, and other child welfare professionals will provide a guide to understanding and resolving these sometimes confusing and conflicting legal requirements. The instructor is a children's law attorney who practices in state and federal courts.

Presenter:

Elizabeth Warner, Attorney, Private Practice

June 17, 2010

DHS Children's Services Policy for Legal Personnel

Approximate presentation time: 1 hour

Program Description:

This presentation will introduce DHS Children's Services policy to legal personnel. Topics include how to locate DHS policies on the department's public website and how the Children's Services policy was formulated. Several specific policies of importance to legal personnel will be highlighted.

Presenter:

Tobin Miller, Senior Executive Assistant to the Director of Children's Services, Department of Human Services

REGISTRATION FOR WEBCAST ATTENDANCE

Registrants will receive an e-mail confirming attendance and further forum details approximately one week before the training session.

TO REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING WEBCAST:

- ✓ Access the CWS website at: <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/services/CWS/CWS.htm/>.
- ✓ Scroll to “**Go to the Training and Development page**” and select “**CWS Webcasts**”
- ✓ Follow instructions under “**Schedule of Upcoming Live Programs**”

TO VIEW AN ARCHIVED WEBCAST:

- ✓ Access the CWS website at: <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/services/CWS/CWS.htm/>
- ✓ Scroll to “**Go to the Training and Development page**” and select “**CWS Webcasts**”
- ✓ Follow instructions under “**Library of Recorded Programs**”

Please note: program archives become available approximately two weeks after the live presentation.

GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS MAY REGISTER

These presentations will be conducted by webcast only. **There will not be a live audience.**

LOGON INSTRUCTIONS ON DAY OF WEBCAST:

Shortly before the time the program is to start:

- ✓ Go to <http://webcast.you-niversity.com/youtools/companies/default.asp?affiliateId=128>
- ✓ Click the "**Attend Today's Program**" button and logon.

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