

2017 CORT Midwest Farmworker and Immigrant Worker Law Training

May 31 – June 2, 2017
Kalamazoo Valley Groves Center
7107 Elm Valley Dr.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

TO: Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, and Indiana Project Directors, Managing Attorneys, and Training Responsible Persons
CC: Other Farmworker Law Programs
FROM: Committee on Regional Training (CORT)
DATE: April 27, 2017

DESCRIPTION

Migrant farmworker legal services programs throughout the Midwest are collaborating to present a preseason farmworker law training targeted to seasonal staff who will be working with migrant and immigrant workers this summer. This training will also help new full-time staff get an introduction to the various legal issues that these populations face.

The training will be conducted by experienced staff from the migrant programs and other legal organizations. The training is targeted to participants from any interested migrant program, as well as others who work with these issues. Emphasis will be on training summer staff to “issue spot” on a variety of issues affecting migrant and seasonal farmworkers, including agricultural employment, labor camp housing, health and safety, access to public benefits and services, and immigration issues. Specialized delivery issues particular to migrant legal service delivery, such as labor camp and community-based outreach, will also be featured.

We are applying for Ohio CLE credits for this training. CORT is a recognized training sponsor in West Virginia.

REGISTRATION FEES & COSTS

- As a CORT-sponsored event, there is no fee for legal services programs in Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, and Indiana that are members of CORT. CORT will bill back the CORT members’ programs for the cost of Thursday’s lunch, which is \$14 per person. Lodging is on your own.
- For registrants from Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, and Indiana legal services programs that are NOT members of CORT, the registration fee is \$400 (this includes all food provided during the training). Lodging is on your own.
- For other participants, including all participants from states outside the three-state CORT region, the registration fee is \$230 (this includes all food provided during the training). Lodging is on your own.

The following meals will be provided: continental breakfast on Thursday and Friday, and lunch on Thursday. Dinner is the responsibility of the participant.

LOCATION

The training will take place at the Kalamazoo Valley Groves Center, 7107 Elm Valley Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Free parking is available at the facility.

LODGING

Participants are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements and payments (suggestions below). Two of the hotels have special rates that you can ask for. The first three hotels listed are the closest to the Groves Center – about 1 mile away - as they are located across 9th Street from the beginning of Elm Valley Drive, the road on which the Groves Center is located.

[Fairfield Inn Kalamazoo West \(Marriott\)](#)

6420 Cracker Barrel Dr. , Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Tel: (269) 353-6400

Call for “KVCC Rate”: \$89 for Standard King or Standard Double Queen

[TownePlace Suites Marriott Kalamazoo](#)

5683 S. 9th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Tel: (269) 353-1500

Call for “KVCC Rate”: \$99 for Studio Double Queen Suite or Studio King Suite

[Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham Kalamazoo](#)

5597 S. 9th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Tel: (269) 353-3200

[Hampton Inn & Suites Kalamazoo](#)

5059 S. 9th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Tel: (269) 372-1010

[Holiday Inn West Kalamazoo](#)

2747 S. 11th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49004

Tel: (269) 375-6000

[Best Western Plus Kalamazoo Suites](#)

2575 S. 11th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Tel: (269) 350-5522

QUESTIONS?

Any questions about the training should be directed to Mariah Hennen (Farmworker Legal Services of Michigan) at (269) 492-7190 or fls@farmworkerlaw.org.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Please return your registration no later than May 24, 2017.

Attn: Midwest Farmworker Law Training

Farmworker Legal Services

3030 S. 9th St., Suite 1A

Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Fax: (269) 492-7198 – Email: fls@farmworkerlaw.org

You will receive a confirmation email prior to the training. If you do not receive this email by **May 25**, please contact Mariah Hennen at FLS: (269) 492-7190 or mhennen@farmworkerlaw.org.

CANCELLATION DEADLINE

The deadline for cancellation is May 25, 2017. Registrants canceling after this date will be billed for any unavoidable costs incurred as a result of the late cancellation.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2017 CORT MIDWEST FARMWORKER
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Name: _____ Attorney Reg. #: _____

Program Name: _____ Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

1. Will you be able to be present throughout the entire training Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., to Friday at 12:30 p.m.?

Yes No - please explain: _____

2. If you require special accommodations of any kind, please indicate those requirements:

3. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate those needs: _____

4. Other comments: _____

Midwest Farmworker Law Training Registration Fees

Please submit payment with registration. Payment should be made payable to "CORT".

___ CORT Member (no fee)

___ Non-CORT member from legal services program in MI, OH, WV, or IN (\$400)

___ Non-CORT Region (\$230)

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Managing Attorney
or Project Director

Date

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AGENDA

DAY 1: Wednesday, May 31, 2017

- 1:00 – 1:15 p.m. Welcome, Training Goals, Introductions
- 1:15 - 1:45 p.m. **Session 1 - Welcome to Legal Services: What Advocates Can Do**
Kara Moberg, Farmworker Legal Services (Michigan)
- 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. **Session 2 – Who Are Our Clients: An Overview of Farmworkers**
Mark Heller, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
- 2:30 – 2:40 p.m. BREAK
- 2:40 – 4:00 p.m. **Session 3 - Community Outreach and Advocacy Skills (Part 1)**
Miguel Keberlein Gutierrez, Illinois Migrant Legal Assistance Project
Arturo Ortiz, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Session 4 - H2A Workers**
Kristin Hoffman, Indiana Legal Services, Migrant Farmworker Law Center
Mariah Hennen, Farmworker Legal Services (Michigan)

DAY 2: Thursday, June 1, 2017

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (provided)
- 8:30 – 9:50 a.m. **Session 5 – Overview of Immigration Law**
Susan Reed, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center
- 9:50 – 10:00 a.m. BREAK
- 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Session 6 – FLSA: Fair Labor Standards Act**
Robert Alvarez, Avanti Law Group, PLLC
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Session 7 - Human Trafficking**
Jessica Glynn, YWCA Kalamazoo
- 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. LUNCH (provided)

- 1:15 – 2:30 p.m. **Session 8 – AWPAs: Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act**
Jessica Grosz, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services
- 2:30 – 2:40 p.m. BREAK
- 2:40 – 3:55 p.m. **Session 9 – Farmworkers’ & Immigrants’ Rights to Public Benefits**
Eugenio Mollo Jr., Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
- 3:55 - 5:00 p.m. **Session 10 – Health and Safety: Labor Camp Standards, Field Sanitation, and Pesticides**
Jessica Ramos, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)

DAY 3: Friday, June 2, 2017

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (provided)
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. **Session 11 – Immigration Enforcement Actions: Know Your Rights**
Juan Caballero, ACLU of Michigan
- 10:30 - 12:00 p.m. **Session 12 - Community Outreach and Advocacy Skills (Part 2)**
Miguel Keberlein Gutierrez, Illinois Migrant Legal Assistance Project
Arturo Ortiz, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)

– End of Training –