

**2015 CORT Midwest Farmworker and
Immigrant Worker Law Training**

May 27-29, 2015
PARK INN
101 North Summit Street
Toledo, OH 43604

TO: Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and West Virginia Project Directors, Managing Attorneys, and Training Responsible Persons

DATE: April 15, 2015

DESCRIPTION

Farmworker and immigrant worker legal services programs throughout the Midwest annually collaborate for a pre-season farmworker law training targeted to seasonal staff employed by the various programs. This training will also help new permanent staff get an introduction to the various legal issues that the farmworker population faces. Finally, it will serve as a refresher and update to more experienced attorneys and advocates.

The training will be conducted by experienced, permanent staff from the farmworker and immigrant worker programs. The training is open to participants from any interested legal services office or non-profit public interest law firm, 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, 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.

TRAINERS

Mark Heller, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
Patricia Hernández, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
Miguel Keberlein, Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago
Kathleen Kersh, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
Kevin Magee, Legal Action of Wisconsin
Kara Moberg, Farmworker Legal Services (Michigan)
Eugenio Mollo, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
Arturo Ortiz, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
Jessica Ramos, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
Susan Reed, Michigan Poverty Law Program/Michigan Immigrant Rights Center
Erica Sweitzer-Beckman, Legal Action of Wisconsin
Tom Thornburg, Farmworker Legal Services (Michigan)

LOCATION

The training will take place at the **Park Inn** 101 N. Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

PARKING: Parking is \$11.00 for overnight guests and is through Seagate Convention Centre. The Park Inn hotel does not own a parking facility, so guests can park in the Seagate Centre garage – which is most convenient (since it is directly attached to the hotel indoors) or they can park in surface lots by the hotel that would be less expensive.

REGISTRATION FEES

As a CORT-sponsored event, there is no fee for programs participating in CORT. For registrants from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and West Virginia legal services programs not participating in CORT, the registration fee is \$400. For other participants, the registration fee is \$200.

ROOM AND BOARD

A block of rooms have been reserved in the name of Committee on Regional Training (CORT) for this event. The daily cost of sleeping rooms will be **\$99/night** (plus all taxes), single/double. **You will be responsible for making your own sleeping room reservation and paying the hotel directly. The cut-off date for making your room reservation is 5/13/2015.** The cost of breakfast on Thursday and Friday and lunch on Thursday will be billed to your programs after the training; that total cost will be \$47 for the training. Dinner is the responsibility of the participant.

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

REGISTRATION

To register, go online at <https://oslsa.wufoo.com/forms/w1m641cw03xkymc> or use the attached form.

QUESTIONS?

Any questions on the substance of the training should be directed to Mark Heller at mheller@ablelaw.org or 419-255-0814. Questions concerning logistics, reservations, and costs or like issues should be addressed to Patricia Brown at pbrown@oslsa.org, or 614-824-2510.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Please return your registration no later than **May 6, 2015**, to:
Midwest Farmworker Training
555 Buttles Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215-1137

CANCELLATION DEADLINE

The deadline for cancellation is May 22. Registrants canceling after this date will be billed for any unavoidable costs incurred as a result of the late cancellation.

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AGENDA

DAY 1: Wednesday, May 27, 2015

- 1:00 – 1:15 Welcome, Training Goals, Introductions
- 1:15 – 1:45 **Session 1 – Who Are Our Clients: An Overview of Farmworkers**
Mark Heller, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
- 1:45 – 2:30 **Session 2 – FLSA: Fair Labor Standards Act**
Erica Sweitzer-Beckman, Legal Action of Wisconsin
Kevin Magee, Legal Action of Wisconsin
- 2:30 - 2:45 **BREAK**
- 2:45 – 4:15 **Session 3 – Community Outreach and Advocacy Skills (Part 1)**
Miguel Keberlein, Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago
Arturo Ortiz, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
- 4:15 – 4:30 **BREAK**
- 4:30 – 5:15 **Session 4 – Immigrant Integration and Immigrant Interaction with Law Enforcement -** *Kathleen Kersh, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)*

DAY 2: Thursday, May 28, 2015

- 8:00 – 9:00 **BREAKFAST**
- 9:00 – 10:15 **Session 5 – AWP: Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act -** *Kara Moberg, Farmworker Legal Services (Michigan)*
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Session 6 - Affordable Care Act**
Patricia Hernández, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
- 11:00 – 11:15 **BREAK**

11:15 – 12:00 **Session 7 - H-2A Workers**
Mark Heller, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)

12:15 – 1:15 **LUNCH**

1:15 – 1:45 **Session 8 – Welcome to Legal Services: What Can Advocates Do?**
Tom Thornburg, Farmworker Legal Services (Michigan)

1:45 – 2:45 **Session 9 - Farmworkers' & Immigrants' Rights to Public Benefits**
Eugenio Mollo, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)

2:45 - 3:00 **BREAK**

3:00 – 4:15 **Session 10 – Health and Safety: Labor Camp Standards, Field Sanitation, and Pesticides**
Jessica Ramos, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)

DAY 3: Friday, May 29, 2015

7:30 – 8:30 **BREAKFAST**

8:30 – 10:00 **Session 11 - Community Outreach and Advocacy Skills (Part 2)**
Miguel Keberlein, Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago
Arturo Ortiz, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)

10:00 – 10:15 **BREAK**

10:15 – 11:00 **Session 12 - Roundtable on Unaccompanied Immigrant Children**
Jessica Ramos and Susan Reed (Moderators)
UAC Fellows from Ohio and Michigan

11:00 – 12:15 **Session 13 - Overview of Immigration Law**
Susan Reed, Michigan Poverty Law Program/Michigan Immigrant Rights Center

12:15 – 12:30 Complete and submit written evaluations