

**CORT Substantive Training
March 23 and 24th, 2009**

Tentative Agenda

MONDAY, MARCH 23

9:30- 9:45 a.m. Registration

10:00-10:15 a.m. Welcome and Introduction
Lisa Ruby, Michigan Poverty Law Program

10:15-11:00 a.m. State/Federal Budget Updates
*Stephanie Johnson, Capitol Services
Ohio Counterpart*

11:00-12:00 a.m. TBA

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

Afternoon Sessions

1:00-2:00 p.m. Introduction to Unemployment Benefits
Rick McHugh, National Employment Law Project

CHOOSE ONE (concurrent sessions)

2:15-3:15p.m. Advocating the Unemployment Benefits Case
Rick McHugh, National Employment Law Project

OR

Administrative Advocacy at the State and County Level
*W. Dave Koeninger, ABLE
Robert Bonthius, Cleveland Legal Aid*

3:15-3:30p.m Break

3:30-4:30pm Current Issues in Social Security
Lisa Ruby, Michigan Poverty Law Program

5:00 p.m. Dinner

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

8:15 B 9:15 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 B 11:00 a.m. How Immigration Issues Intersect with Public Benefits
Susan Reed, Immigration Attorney, Michigan Poverty Law Program

11:00-11:15 a.m. Break

11:15-12:15 p.m. An Introduction to Veteran's Benefits
Mark Lindke and Michael Smith
Washtenaw County Department of Veterans Affairs.

12:15-1:15 p.m. Lunch

Afternoon Sessions

1:15-1:45pm Hot Topics
Trainer TBA

1:45-2:45pm Medicaid Estate Planning
Sanford Mall, Mall Malisow & Cooney, PC

2:45-3:45PM CHOOSE ONE (concurrent sessions)

Divestment and Special Needs Trusts
Sandford Mall, Mall Malisow & Cooney, PC

OR

Community Outreach in a Wrecked Economy
Karen Lewthwaite, LSSCM
Ohio Representative

3:45-4:00 pm Wrap Up