

2008 CORT Midwest Farmworker Law Training

May 28 to May 30, 2008
Radisson Plaza Hotel
100 W. Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo MI 49007

TO: Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia Project Directors, Managing Attorneys,
and Training Responsible Persons
FROM: Committee on Regional Training (CORT)
DATE: April 21, 2008

DESCRIPTION

Migrant farmworker legal services programs throughout the Midwest are collaborating with the Committee on Regional Training (CORT) to present a preseason 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.

The training will be conducted by experienced, permanent staff from the migrant programs and experts from state agencies. The training is open 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 have applied for Ohio CLE credits for this training. CORT is a recognized training sponsor in West Virginia.

TRAINERS

To Be Announced

Trainers will consist of experienced advocates from the participating programs

LOCATION

The training will take place at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 100 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, Michigan.

REGISTRATION FEES

As a CORT-sponsored event, there is no fee for programs participating in CORT.

For registrants from Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia legal services programs not participating in CORT, the registration fee is \$475. For other participants, the registration fee is the pro rata share of the cost of the training plus 20%. For these participants the registration fee is \$175.

ROOM AND BOARD

Each registrant must make his or her own hotel reservations. A block of rooms has been set aside at the discounted rate of \$120 (double or single occupancy) at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 100 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, Michigan. **Call the hotel directly at (269) 343-3333 by May 9 to reserve your room at this special rate.** When making reservations, please use the code "Legal Services" in order to get the group rate.

The approximate cost of meals for the conference is \$40. The following meals will be provided: breakfast buffet on Thursday and Friday, and lunch on Thursday. Dinners are the responsibility of the participant. CORT will bill programs for the cost of meals after the training.

QUESTIONS?

Any questions about the training should be directed to Mark Farmer (Farmworker Legal Services of Michigan) at (269) 427-1622, or fls-michigan@umich.edu.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Please return your registration no later than May 21, 2008, to:

Midwest Farmworker Law Training
Farmworker Legal Services
PO Box 219
Bangor MI 49013
Fax: (269) 427-2862 or Email: fls-michigan@umich.edu

You will receive a confirmation email prior to the training. If you do not receive this email by **May 23, 2008**, please contact Mark Farmer at FLS: (269) 427-1622, farmer@umich.edu

CANCELLATION DEADLINE

The deadline for cancellation is May 23, 2008. Registrants canceling after this date will be billed for any unavoidable costs incurred as a result of the late cancellation.

APPLICATION FOR 2008 MIDWEST FARMWORKER LAW TRAINING

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NAME: _____ ATTORNEY REG. #: _____

PROGRAM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

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

Yes No - If not, please explain: _____

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

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

Other comments: _____

Midwest Farmworker Law Training registration fees (payable to "CORT"):

CORT Member (no fee)

Non-CORT member from MI, OH, or WV (\$475) \$ _____

Non-CORT Region (\$175) \$ _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Managing Attorney
or Project Director

Date

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AGENDA

DAY 1: Wednesday, May 28, 2008

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| 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. | Welcome, Training Goals, Introductions |
| 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. | Session 1 - Who Are Our Clients: An Overview of Farmworkers |
| 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. | Session 2 - Welcome to Legal Services: What Can Advocates Do? |
| 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. | BREAK |
| 2:45 – 4:00 p.m. | Session 3 - Health and Safety: Labor Camp Standards, Field Sanitation, and Pesticides |
| 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Session 4 – H2A and H2B Workers |

DAY 2: Thursday, May 29, 2008

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| 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. | Session 5 – AWPAs: Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act |
| 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. | BREAK |
| 10:45 – 12:15 p.m. | Session 6 - Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) |
| 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. | LUNCH |
| 1:15 – 3:00 p.m. | Session 7 – Overview of Immigration Law |
| 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. | BREAK |

3:15 – 4:00 p.m. **Session 8 – Farmworkers’ & Immigrants’ Rights to Public Benefits and Services**

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. **Session 9 – Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices**

DAY 3: Friday, May 30, 2008

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Session 10 - Community Outreach and Advocacy Skills (PART 1)**

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. BREAK

10:45 – 12:15 p.m. **Session 10 - Community Outreach and Advocacy Skills (PART 2)**

12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Training Wrap up and Evaluations

– End of Training –