2012 CORT Midwest Farmworker and Immigrant Worker Law Training

May 30 – June 1, 2012
Michigan Technical Education Center at
Kalamazoo Valley Community College (M-TEC at KVCC)
7107 Elm Valley Dr.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

TO: **Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia Project Directors, Managing Attorneys, and Training Responsible Persons**
CC: **Other Farmworker Law Programs**
FROM: **Committee on Regional Training (CORT)**
DATE: **April 23, 2012**

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 permanent staff get an introduction to the various legal issues that these populations face.

The training will be conducted by experienced, permanent staff from the migrant programs and experts from enforcement agencies. 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, and West Virginia that are members of CORT. CORT will bill back the CORT members programs for the cost of lunch which is $12 per person. Lodging is on your own.

- For registrants from Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia legal services programs that are NOT members of CORT, the registration fee is $500 (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 Michigan Technical Education Center at Kalamazoo Valley Community College (M-TEC at KVCC), 7107 Elm Valley Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

LODGING

Participants are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements and payments (suggestions below). Three of the following hotels have special "M-TEC Rates" that you can ask for. The first two hotels listed are the closest to the M-TEC, as they are located across the street from the beginning of Elm Valley Drive, the road on which the M-TEC is located.

Fairfield Inn West Kalamazoo (Marriott)
6420 Cracker Barrel Dr.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Tel: (269) 353-6400
M-TEC rate: $69 for 1 King or 2 Queen

TownePlace Suites Kalamazoo (Marriott)
5683 S. 9th St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Tel: (269) 353-1500
M-TEC rate: $99 for 1 King or 2 Queen

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
M-TEC rate: $114.24 for standard room

QUESTIONS?

Any questions about the training should be directed to Jose Rosas (Farmworker Legal Services of Michigan) at (269) 492-7190 or jrosas@lsscm.org

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Please return your registration no later than May 22, 2012.

Attn: Midwest Farmworker Law Training
Farmworker Legal Services
3030 S. 9th St., Suite 1A
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Fax: (269) 492-7198 – Email: fls@lsscm.org

You will receive a confirmation email prior to the training. If you do not receive this email by **May 23, 2012**, please contact Jose Rosas at FLS: (269) 492-7190 or jrosas@lsscm.org.

CANCELLATION DEADLINE

The deadline for cancellation is May 23, 2012. Registrants canceling after this date will be billed for any unavoidable costs incurred as a result of the late cancellation.

REGISTRATION FOR 2012 CORT MIDWEST FARMWORKER AND IMMIGRANT WORKER LAW TRAINING

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Name: _____ Attorney Reg. #: _____

Program Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____

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, or WV ($500)

___ Non-CORT Region ($230)

_____ _____
Signature of Applicant Date

_____ _____
Signature of Managing Attorney Date
or Project Director

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

DAY 1: Wednesday, May 30, 2012

1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Welcome, Training Goals, Introductions
1:15 – 2:00 p.m.	**Session 1 - Who Are Our Clients: An Overview of Farmworkers** *Mark Heller*, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	**Session 2 - Welcome to Legal Services: What Can Advocates Do?** *Tom Thornburg*, Farmworker Legal Services (Michigan)
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	**Session 3 – H2A Workers** *Daniela Dwyer*, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	BREAK
3:45 – 5:15 p.m.	**Session 4 – FLSA: Fair Labor Standards Act** *Kevin Magee*, Legal Action of Wisconsin

DAY 2: Thursday, May 31, 2012

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (provided)
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	**Session 5 – AWPA: Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act** *Melody Goldberg*, Migrant Farmworker Law Center, Indiana Legal Services
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	BREAK
10:45 – 12:15 p.m.	**Session 6 – Overview of Immigration Law** *Susan E. Reed*, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	LUNCH (provided)
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	**Session 7 – U Visas for Immigrant Workers** Anna Lusero, *U Visa Coordinator – Midwest Region, U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division*
2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	**Session 8 – Health and Safety: Labor Camp Standards, Field Sanitation, and Pesticides** *Daniela Dwyer*, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid *Invited: State Migrant Housing Expert*
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	BREAK
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	**Session 9 – Farmworkers' & Immigrants' Rights to Public Benefits** *Eugenio Mollo*, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)

DAY 3: Friday, June 1, 2012

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (provided)
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	**Session 10 - Community Outreach and Advocacy Skills (Part 1)** *Miguel Keberlein Gutierrez*, Illinois Migrant Legal Assistance Project *Arturo Ortiz*, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	BREAK
10:45 – 12:15 p.m.	**Session 10 - Community Outreach and Advocacy Skills (Part 2)** *Miguel Keberlein Gutierrez*, Illinois Migrant Legal Assistance Project *Arturo Ortiz*, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (Ohio)
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	Training Wrap up and Evaluations

– End of Training –