

THE NATIONAL INDIAN JUSTICE CENTER ANNOUNCES



ICWA EXPERT WITNESS

TULE TRIBAL OFFICE (BRAFFORD CONF ROOM)
PORTERVILLE, CA
MAY 23, 2014

*(DISTANCE LEARNING CLASS WITH FEE WAIVED FOR
CA INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS AND WORKERS)*

FOCUS OF SESSION

With funding from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), National Indian Justice Center's Native American Children Training Forum (NACTF) is developing distance learning training curriculum. This Training is an On-site pilot of the curriculum developed under this Grant. This is a TUITION FREE training.

The focus of this training session will be Expert Witness (use of Expert Witnesses in Indian Child Welfare cases).

It is imperative that members of tribal councils, tribal court judges and child welfare service providers understand the application, requirements and interaction between these laws especially in developing use of an Expert Witness. This training will discuss when to use an expert witness, how they can and should be used, and from what lists should be generated. The course would assist tribal representatives, advocates, community members etc, on the unique categories of expert witnesses and differentiating the various ways that Expert Witnesses can be utilized in an ICWA case.

Note: *This Training will be videotaped for online curriculum development purposes. You will be asked to fill out a video release form at the training.*

There are a limited number of stipends available for participants who attend this training. To be considered for a stipend please follow the steps below:

- 1) Please register for the training, prior to submitting a request for a stipend. Contact Margaret Colglazier at tcoord@nijc.org or fax (707) 579-9019 to register;
 - 2) Stipends are limited and considered in the order received;
 - 3) Please email your stipend request to Cassandra Overton at Cassandra@cimcc.org or fax (707) 579-9019.
- If your request is approved, within 1 week we will send you a notice of confirmation and a payment request form;
- 4) May 16th is the deadline to register. Approved stipends will be paid by mail within 30 days of the training.

STIPENDS WILL NOT BE PAID UNLESS APPROVED PRIOR TO THE TRAINING AND REQUESTS CONFORM TO GUIDELINES PROVIDED IN YOUR STIPEND APPROVAL.

This Training Session Will Examine

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| ▶ Overview of the Indian Child Welfare Act | ▶ What is the effect of failing to use a qualified expert? |
| ▶ When is an expert witness required in an ICWA case? | ▶ Does a state social worker qualify as an expert witness? |
| ▶ Who may be qualified as an expert witness under this section? | ▶ Does a tribal social worker qualify as an expert witness? |
| ▶ What qualifications must a qualified expert witness possess? | ▶ Must expert witness testimony be based on direct personal contact with the relevant parties? |
| ▶ How many experts are required? | ▶ How is expert testimony used in cases involving ICWA and the state law burden of proof? |
| ▶ Can the qualifications of an expert be challenged? | ▶ How can one locate an expert witness? |

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TRAINING LOCATION AND LODGING

This 1-day course will be conducted at the **Tule Tribal Office (Brafford Conference Room), 340 N. Reservation Road, Porterville, CA 93257**. All individuals are responsible for their own lodging. NIJC is NOT holding a room block, reservations are available on a first come first served basis. We recommend the following hotels:

Best Western
350 W. Montgomery Avenue
Porterville, CA 93257
Phone: (559) 781-7411

Holiday Inn
840 S. Jaye Street
Porterville, CA 93257
Phone: (559) 782-1200

TUITION FREE

The session is tuition free. The deadline for registration is **Friday, May 16, 2014**. Please complete the registration form and return by mail or fax to:

National Indian Justice Center
5250 Aero Drive
Santa Rosa, CA, 95403
Phone: (707) 579-5507
Fax: (707) 579-9019
E-mail: tcoord@nijc.org

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 16, 2014!

REGISTRATION FORM: ICWA - Expert Witness - TUITION FREE

(Please Print Clearly)

Mr. _____ Ms. _____ Name: _____ Your Tribe: _____

Title: _____ Employer: _____

Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

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