



**LEGAL INFORMATION WORKSHOP:
IMPROVING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR
ABORIGINAL WOMEN EXPERIENCING FAMILY VIOLENCE**

AGENDA
Brandon, MB
Brandon Friendship Centre, 205 College Ave

DAY 1- Monday, August 26, 2013

9:00 – 9:30 am

Registration

9:30 – 10:00am

Welcome & Introduction

Joanna Birenbaum, Facilitator

10:00 – 12:00pm

Child Welfare Law

Step by Step Discussion of the Legal Process

Jodi Wyman, Paterson Patterson Wyman & Abel

Janet Mousseau & Nicole Fontaine, DOCFS- “Children’s Aid Societies
Best Practices”

12:00 – 1:00pm

Lunch

1:00 – 4:30 pm

In-Court Observation of Child Protection Court proceedings

Q&A Follow-up

DAY 2- Tuesday, August 27, 2013

9:30 – 10:00am

Telling Your Story in a Legal Setting: Ways to Support Abused Women
Joanna Birenbaum, Facilitator

10:00 – 12:00pm

Family Law Overview
Applying for Legal Aid (Family, Criminal, Child Welfare)
Lorne Geisbrach, Area Director for Legal Aid Manitoba

12:00- 1:00pm

Lunch

1:00pm – 1:50pm

Victim Services for Abused Women, An Overview
Betty-Anne Fedork, Victim Services

2:00 – 4:30pm

Matrimonial Real Property on Reserve
Stella Bone
Joanna Birenbaum, Facilitator

Family Law – Walk Through Example of a Well-Drafted Application
Joanna Birenbaum, Facilitator

DAY 3- Wednesday, August 28, 2013

9:30 – 10:00am

The Criminal Justice System & Aboriginal Women Experiencing Family Violence: Identifying the Barriers
Joanna Birenbaum, Facilitator

10:00 – 12:00pm

The Criminal Process – From Charge to *Gladue* Sentencing of Aboriginal Offenders
Yaso Mathu, Crown Attorney
Joanna Birenbaum, facilitator

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lunch

1:00pm - 1:50pm

Responding to Violence Against Women: Tribal Police and Brandon Police Perspectives

- Aldyne Stevenson, Dakota Ojibway Tribal Police Services
- TBD representative- Brandon Police Services

2:00pm - 4:30pm

The ABCs of Protection Orders

Joanna Birenbaum, Facilitator

DAY 4- Thursday August 29, 2013

9:30pm – 10:00am

Building on the Workshop

Joanna Birenbaum, Facilitator

10:00 - 12:00 pm

Individual and Systemic Change:

Working to Stop Violence Against Aboriginal Women & The Role of Community Advocates and Front-line workers

Jerry Daniels

12:00 -1:00pm

Lunch

1:00- 1:30pm

Concluding Exercise & Comments