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Intensive VAW Legal Training Workshop: Improving Access to Justice for Aboriginal Women

AGENDA

Monday, November 19, 2012

8:30 – 9:00 am

Registration

9:00 – 9:30 am

Opening Ceremony (Wahta Drummers)

Learning Goals

9:30 – 12:00 am

The Context of Violence in Aboriginal Families

Circle in the Box Workshop, Laureen Pawis, B'saanibamaadsiwin, Muskoka Parry Sound Mental Health Services (Parry Sound)

12:00 - 12:45 pm

Lunch

12:45 - 2:15 pm

Child Welfare Overview: Presentations and Q & A

J.P. Arsenault, Family Youth and Child Services Muskoka (Bracebridge)
Crystal Doolittle, Children's Aid Society of Simcoe County, FNMI Unit (Orillia/Midland)

2:15 - 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 - 4:00 pm

Social Assistance Overview and Q & A

Joanne Boulding, Executive Director, Lake Country Community Legal Clinic (Bracebridge Office)



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Tuesday, November 20, 2012

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Registration

9:00 – 10:45 am

Family Law Overview

Valerie Ferguson

Barrister and Solicitor/Family Lawyer, Gravenhurst

10:45 – 11:00am

Break

11:00 - 11:30 am

Family Court Support Workers – Overview, Issues, Barriers

Wendy Spring, Family Court Support Worker, Muskoka Victim Services
(Bracebridge)

Nancy Stirling, Family Court Support Worker, Muskoka Interval House
(Bracebridge)

11:30 - 12:00

Questions related to Family Law

Responders Valerie Ferguson, Wendy Spring, Nancy Stirling

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch

1 – 4:00 pm

Criminal Law Overview – Presentations and Q & A

Overview of the Criminal Law Process from Call to Police to Resolution
Lyndsay Jeanes, Crown Attorney (Bracebridge)

Role of the Aboriginal Court Worker

Shirley Hay, Aboriginal Criminal Court Worker, Barrie Native Friendship Centre;
Band Councilor, Wahta First Nation

Role of Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP)

Jodi Golding, Manager, VWAP

Criminal law Myths and Facts Exercise and Case Scenarios (time permitting)

Joanna Birenbaum