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

**AGENDA
YWCA Thompson, 39 Nickel Road**

DAY 1- Monday, September 9, 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
Joanna Birenbaum, Facilitator

12:00 – 1:00pm
Lunch (on your own)

1:00 – 4:30 pm
In-Court Observation of In-Custody Court proceedings
Q&A Follow-up

DAY 2- Tuesday, September 10, 2013

9:30 – 12:00pm
Family Law Overview
Applying for Legal Aid (Family, Criminal, Child Welfare)
Howard Pitts, Supervising Lawyer for Legal Aid Manitoba

12:00- 1:00pm

Lunch (on your own)

1:00 - 1:50pm

Matrilineal Property Rights on Reserve

Joanna Birenbaum, Faciltator

2:00pm - 2:50pm

Responding to Violence Against Women: RCMP Police Perspectives

Lisa Wowchuk, RCMP Community Liaison Officer

Band Constable, TBC

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Navigating the Courthouse

Aboriginal Court Liaison Officer

Men are Part of the Solution (MAPS)

Michele Nichol, Program Director or Board Member

DAY 3- Wednesday, September 11, 2013

9:00 – 9:30am

Telling Your Story in a Legal Setting: Ways to Support Abused Women

Joanna Birenbaum, Facilitator

9:30 – 9:45am

Carpool to Courthouse

10:00 – 12:00pm

In-Court Observation of Trial Court proceedings

Q&A Follow-up

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lunch (on your own)

1:00 – 3:00pm

The Criminal Process – From Charge to *Gladue* Sentencing of Aboriginal Offenders

TBD, Crown Attorney

3:00 – 3:50pm

Victim Services for Abused Women, An Overview

Angela Traviss, Victim Services

4:00 – 4:30pm

The Criminal Process con't–*Gladue* Sentencing of Aboriginal Offenders

Joanna Birenbaum, facilitator

DAY 4- Thursday September 12, 2013

9:30pm – 11:00am

The ABCs of Protection Orders

Joanna Birenbaum, Facilitator

11:00am - 12:00pm

Building on the Workshop

Concluding Exercise & Comments

Joanna Birenbaum, Facilitator

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lunch (on your own)

1:00 - 3:30pm

Traditional Healing Ceremony for Front-line Workers

Nelson House Elder, AnnaMay Linklater

EVALUATION
