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## **SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENT**

February 21, 2019

### ***Basic Interviewing, Counseling, and Communication Techniques Seminar***

April 24 - April 26, 2019

Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center  
Higgins Lake, Michigan

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#### ***DESCRIPTION and ELIGIBILITY***

This seminar is held pursuant to Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1985-5, which states, in part: "A probation officer/caseworker. . . must complete the Michigan Judicial Institute certification training for juvenile court staff within two years after date of employment." (Administrative Order No. 1985-5, § I.C.1.b.1.)

Registration is limited to juvenile division probation officers and caseworkers who must be certified.

#### ***LOGISTICS***

On-site registration will take place on Wednesday, April 24, from 12:30 to 12:55 p.m. The seminar will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Note: There will be a mandatory Wednesday evening session from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Daily programming on Thursday, April 25 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), and Friday, April 26 (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), will consist of morning and afternoon presentations. Presentations will be followed by working group sessions moderated and guided by experienced counseling practitioners.

#### ***REGISTRATION PROCEDURE***

**Registration:** MJJ utilizes online registration. Please go to the following link to register: <https://courts.michigan.gov/MjiOnline> and use the invitation code: **6B8291**.

The registration deadline for this seminar is **Friday, March 22, 2019**.

#### ***MEALS AND LODGING***

**Meals:** MJJ will provide all seminar meals beginning with **lunch** at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 24. **Please let us know, when you e-register, if you will arrive by noon for lunch on Wednesday.** Meals will be provided through **lunch** on Friday, April 26.

**Lodging:** Will be provided Wednesday and Thursday evenings. All rooms are nonsmoking, double-occupancy. Lodging is available for all participants.

Space limitations prohibit lodging for, or accommodating of, spouses, family, or friends of seminar participants.

Depending upon enrollment, a limited number of single-occupancy rooms may be available on a first-come, first-served basis (based upon the date the e-registration form is submitted to MJI) at the rate of \$20.00 per night, plus state tax. Payment for single-occupancy rooms must be made to the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center at the time of on-site registration/check-in. Payment for single-occupancy rooms may be made by check, Visa, or MasterCard. Participants interested in single-occupancy lodging should indicate that preference when you e-register. Requesting a single-occupancy room does not guarantee that you will receive single-occupancy lodging.

The facility accommodates persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please indicate your needs when you e-register.

### **THE RALPH A. MACMULLAN (RAM) CONFERENCE CENTER**

The RAM Conference Center is a Department of Natural Resources facility, in a rustic setting on the shores of north Higgins Lake. Rooms are sparsely accommodated with two single beds, desk, and chest of drawers; very similar to college dorm rooms. Other accommodations include community bathrooms, by gender, with common shower stall and sink areas. Dispenser soap is provided, but individuals should bring their own toiletries.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE RAM CONFERENCE CENTER FOR LODGING OR MEAL NEEDS. MJI MAKES ALL ARRANGEMENTS.

Dress for the seminar is extremely casual and comfortable – sweatshirts, jeans, etc. There will be some outside walking between sleeping cabins, dining areas, group sessions, and classrooms, so prepare for a variety of weather and terrain.

### **WAIVER OF PARTICIPATION**

This seminar is mandatory for all family division/juvenile [court] staff requiring certification. However, MJI has developed a “waiver” process for staff holding the following minimum credentials:

1. a. A Master’s Degree in social sciences or a related human services field, of which at least two semester credits must be in the area of counseling techniques with youth; and/or  
b. Possession of appropriate state of Michigan licensure; including, but not limited to, licensed professional counselor, licensed/limited licensed psychologist, certified/licensed social worker, or licensed family therapist.
2. Alternative qualifications that document your knowledge, skills, and abilities clearly exceed the minimum requirements of the Administrative Order. Prior to requesting a waiver, you should review [Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1985-5](#) to learn about the minimum qualifications. Alternative qualifications are considered on a case-by-case basis.

To request/discuss a waiver, contact Peter Stathakis, MJI Program Manager. (Contact information below.)

### **QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions or would like further information concerning the seminar, registration, or waiver process, please contact Peter Stathakis, Program Manager, at 517-373-7607 or [stathakis@courts.mi.gov](mailto:stathakis@courts.mi.gov); or Anne DeMarco, Program Assistant, at 517-373-7349 or [demarcoa@courts.mi.gov](mailto:demarcoa@courts.mi.gov).

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019**