

## TRAINING GOALS

Provide information on the law as it relates to safety and custody issues in Domestic Violence. Individual presenters and a panel format will give participants a variety of perspectives.

## BISC-MI MISSION STATEMENT

We will keep the needs of victims foremost in our efforts rather than the interests of batterers, or batterer intervention services, or models.

We will provide a working forum for interaction and information sharing among agencies and individuals concerned with the provision of batterer intervention services in Michigan.

We will create and maintain coordinated community actions that hold batterers accountable for their behavior and promote safety for victims.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

BISC-MI will award 6 MCBAP CEU's to participants who successfully complete this program. Please verify applicability with your professional board before attending.

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# "SAFETY AND CUSTODY ISSUES IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: UNDERSTANDING THE LAW IS KEY TO OUR WORK WITH BATTERERS"

**BISC-MI'S  
SIXTH ANNUAL  
FALL TRAINING**

**November 12, 2004  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

### Location

CENTRAL REFORMED CHURCH  
(Corner of Fulton St. and College Ave.)  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 456-1773

## AGENDA

**8:30 am – 9:00 am** Registration

**9:00am – 9:15 am** Opening remarks by William Edwards, MSW, CSW and Al Heystek LPC, CAC-1, M.Div.

**9:15 am – 10:30 a.m.** James Benison will address domestic violence laws and their application regarding arrests, weapon possession, no contact orders, PPO's and diversion plans.

**10:30 a.m.– 10:45 a.m.** Break

**10:45 a.m. – Noon** Panel discussion The application of domestic violence laws in Michigan.

**Noon – 1:00 p.m.** Lunch & Business Mtg.

**1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.** Judge David Hoort will address child custody issues and new legislation effective October 2004.

**2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
Break

**2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.** Panel discussion: Child Custody and Domestic Violence.

**3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
Evaluations/Certificates

### DIRECTIONS

**From the North:** US-131S to I-196E. In Grand Rapids take the College Ave exit (78). Turn right onto College; go 0.5 miles. Turn left into the church parking lot.

**From the South:** I-196N. In Grand Rapids take the College Ave exit (78). Turn right onto College; go 0.5 miles. Turn left into the church parking lot.

**From the East:** I-96W. In Grand Rapids take the College Ave exit (78). Turn left onto College; go 0.5 miles. Turn left into the church parking lot.

**From the West:** I-96E to US-131S to I-196E. In Grand Rapids take the College Ave exit (78). Turn right onto College; go 0.5 miles. Turn left into the church parking lot.

## PRESENTERS

**James K. Benison** is an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Kent County who heads the office's domestic violence prosecution unit. Prior to being a prosecutor, he clerked for the Michigan Court of Appeals and Justice Charles Levin of the Michigan Supreme Court. He received his JD from the University of Chicago.

**Circuit Judge David Hoort** has 26 years experience as an attorney, including Assistant Prosecutor in Bay County, District Court Judge, and Circuit Court Judge. As District Court Judge, he was recognized for his efforts on behalf of families affected by domestic violence and organized and Ionia County Coordinated Response to Domestic Violence. During his tenure with the Circuit Court, Judge Hoort was appointed to the Michigan Judicial Institute Family Division Academic Advisory Committee, authored Spousal Support Guidelines, and established a protocol for the evaluation of domestic violence in personal protection matters.

## PANELISTS

Will include **Joe Berlin**, Chief Probation Officer 61<sup>st</sup> District Court, **Circuit Judge David Hoort**, **James K. Benison**, **Angela Dykes** LPC, LIFE! Counseling LLC, **Lori Duff** BA, Legal Advocate Every Woman's Place; **David Bosworth**, Kent County Friend of the Court Custody Evaluator, **Barb Olsen**, Program Coordinator for the Safe Haven Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program, **Randy Flood**, MA, Men's Resource Center of West Michigan.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one form per person.  
If more are needed, please photocopy

*Deadline is 11-5-04*

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- Registration\* (Member) \$65  
 Registration\* (non-Member) ..... \$85  
 Annual Membership (Org.) ..... \$120  
 BISC-MI Annual Membership ..... \$75  
 BISC-MI Annual Membership (Survivor Services Organization) ..... \$0

*Lunch is Included*

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