

**Introductory Guardian ad Litem Training
September 10 – 12, 2014
Stockbridge-Munsee Community**

Agenda

September 10, 2014

- I. Welcome and Opening – Judge Marianne Higgins**
- II. Introduction and Overview of Course**

Materials:

Course binder for reference

- III. Review Case Study – Tab 1**

- IV. The Role of the Guardian ad Litem**

Materials: Tab 2

The Role of the Guardian ad Litem Presentation

- IV. Legal Foundations**

Materials: Tab 3

Family Law Basics – PowerPoint

Due Process Presentation

Due Process Outline

- V. Appointment & Consent to Act – Beginning to Act as GAL**

Materials: Tab 4

Appointment form

Samples of Consents to Release Information

PowerPoint: What Do I Do?

Case Management & Case Notes Forms

- VI. Ethics**

Materials: Tab 5

PowerPoint: Ethics Considerations for GALs

- VII. Discussion of Case Study**

September 11, 2014

I. Opening – Review of Day 1

II. Review of Mock Case File

III. Special Topics Overview

Materials: Tab 6

Indian Child Welfare – Stephanie Bowman (between 2-4 PM)

AODA Considerations – Eva Suquet, 10 a.m.

Bowler School -

Domestic Violence – Jan Red Cloud -

Children with Special Needs – Paul Stenzel

Grandparent & Other Third Party Visitation - Paul Stenzel

Guest GALs – Sue Doxtator

IV. Issue & Fact Identification – Group and small group discussion.

VI. Interviewing

Materials: Tab 7

Asking Probative Questions Presentation & Drill

Interviewing Children Presentation

GAL Sample questions

VII. Role Play – Interviewing

VIII. Writing a GAL report

Materials: Tab 8

Sample GAL Report

IX. Presenting the GAL Report in Court

Materials: Tab 9

Tying it All Together Presentation

Q & A

September 12, 2014

I. Opening

II. Loose ends

III. Business issues

IV. Review of GAL Reports and final coaching for mock hearing

V. Mock Hearing

VI. Closing and Acknowledgments